

Slain farmer's items found

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

art of a large group of concerned members of the Chinese community that searched for the then-missing two farmers found some items that belonged to one of two victims, Saipan Tribune learned.

Members of the Chinese community disclosed that they recovered on Saturday afternoon Hai Ren Li's passport, business license.

weighing scale for vegetables, a plastic bag of corn, his ATM card, and his

Criminal charges vs Fitial dismissed



Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman dismissed yesterday the criminal charges against former governor Benigno R. Fitial, saying the Office of the Public Auditor has no authority to file the charges.

Wiseman ruled that OPA lacks the authority to initiate criminal action against Fitial, now a private citizen, and that the attorney general retains prosecutorial authority

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The items were found strewn in the grassy area of a big field located along Tun Kioshi Road, behind the unfinished castle-shaped hotel. The area where the items were found is a few steps from a rough road that leads to a house.

Sources in the Chinese community said that after they found the items, they immediately called the police, who then collected the items.

Almost at the same time, concerned

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Inos: We're going to the bottom of slayings

By MARK RABAGO

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos took a break from his busy campaign schedule to assure the CNMI community that his administration would do its best to solve the recent killing of two Chinese farmers in Koblerville.

"The whole scenario is unfortunate whether [they were killed] by locals or one of their own, but this thing about locals really bothers me because what group of local people



Inos

could do that kind of stuff?" Inos said in an interview at the NMI Republican Party headquarters on Beach Road last Wednesday.

Inso said that whether the slaying of Hai Ren Li and Cheng You Li is extortion-related or even

drug-related, "we're going to get into the bottom of this thing."

"Our hearts go out to the family and friends of the deceased and I just hope that the investigation will con-See INOS on Page 4

76.72 percent voter turnout

- » Still biggest in terms of actual voters
- » CEC chair says delay was a setback

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delate

Tuesday's election turnout was good and, although lower than the previous polls percentage-wise, it was the biggest in terms of the number of registered voters and those who actually cast their ballots.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero disclosed that out of 17,986 registered voters, a total of 13,798 voted, translating to a 76.72-percent turnout.

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Hofschneider/Yumul is re-energized for runoff

off election, Heinz S. Hofschneider, his running mate Ray N. Yumul and their Committee to Elect wish to personally thank all of their supporters for their tremendous passion, commitment, faith and conviction in publicly supporting their gubernatorial campaign. The collective support was an outward expression of a profound desire for change—a fundamental theme that formed the basis of the political campaign. It set the context for a humble but solid grassroots campaign to reach out directly to all people, regardless of prior political affiliations, with a hopeful message unfiltered by massive political advertising, media influences, or hired professional political consultants from the U.S. mainland.

In virtually every village, the campaign reached out to struggling households with a positive message of better governance for all the people of the Commonwealth, not iust certain commercial and personal interests.

"We were undaunted by the results from certain precincts and we will redouble our efforts to reach the hearts and minds of those voters who cast their votes for other candidates in the general election," Hofschneider said. "We have already received contact from those voters and our message is, 'We welcome you with open arms."

"This is a campaign against big money interests that will exhaust the resources of the Commonwealth and its people, leaving little behind when nity pays for in rising costs they leave," said Hofschneider. "Make no mistake about that; we see the results of this approach already and this is a fight worth fighting."

Speaking to voters and sup-

Moving forward into the run- porters, Yumul said: "Government employees who fear for their jobs: Remember you have the law on your side and the privacy of the polling booth. ... This election is winnable with the continued support of the voters."

"The Inos-Torres team garnered only 46 percent percent of the votes, two-thirds of the voters went elsewhere and we have good reason to be confident that two-thirds of the vote will continue to go elsewhere," Yumul added.

Both Hofschneider and Yumul expressed their admiration for the spirited campaign efforts of the Babauta-Torres and Guerrero-Quitugua teams. "They gave it their all and it was clear they took their political obligations seriously," Yumul said. "We look forward to a rewarding partnership with them and their supporters as we move ahead," Hofschneider said. "Other candidates in other races worked tirelessly and should be commended for their effort in the face of overwhelming campaign dollars from the Inos-Torres team," Hofschneider added. "Money isn't everything in elections. The people's voices cannot be drowned out by dollars."

"The campaign believes that this community needs meaningful, long-term solutions and not just short, get rich quick schemes' for some," Hofschneider said. "Recent leaders have not made adequate investments in infrastructure development, adopting a piecemeal approach, which the commualong with a cycle of breakdown and emergency fixes that cost much more than proper planning can achieve. We believe that all this can change with your vote." (PR)





Why did the missing Yamada sisters visit Saipan?

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE REPORTER

The parents and fiancée of two missing Japanese sisters have answered the question that has baffled investigators and the community as to why the two women came to Saipan for the first time for a supposed twoday trip.

According to the sisters' father, Hideki Yamada, and their mother, Kozue, the short trip to Saipan was their daughter Natsuki's surprise birthday gift to her younger sister, Chinatsu.

Natsuki, 33, and Chinatsu, 26, disappeared last June 30. Their rental car was found abandoned at Wing Beach in Marpi that day. They were supposed to fly back to Japan that same day. The two arrived on the island on June 28.

The Yamada couple, both 60, disclosed to Saipan Tribune early this week that Chinatsu celebrated her birthday last June 13 and that her older sister, Natsuki, arranged the trip to Saipan as a belated present for her.

The Yamada couple admitted that they too were not aware of the Saipan trip but Kenichi Ichikawa, the 29-year-old fiancée of Chinatsu, disclosed that he was aware of the plan.

The Yamada couple and Ichikawa came to the island on Sunday to follow up with the Department of Public Safety regarding the investigation into the case. The three went back to Nagano Prefecture, Japan last

Ichikawa said his girlfriend told him about the short trip but he did not join them because it was the sisters' trip.

The Yamada parents and the fiancée said they don't know why Chinatsu and Natsuki chose Saipan. However, the parents disclosed that they found in one of their daughters' room a travel magazine that has information about booking package destinations, including Saipan. They said their daughters' other option for the trip was to go to Okinawa.

The Yamada couple runs an apple farm in Nagano. Natsuki assisted in her parents' company. Chinatsu was a biotechnologist at a private company and lived in Hokkaido. The parents' other child is a 31-year-old male who is based in Japan.

The Yamada couple said it was the first time for their daughters to travel outside Japan.

Kozue said they first learned that the two were on Saipan when a travel agent in Japan called her on the phone last July 1. Kozue said the travel agent asked if their daughters were back from Saipan, but she couldn't give an answer because she wasn't aware that they went on a trip.

The following day, July 2, the parents flew to Saipan.

Ichikawa said he learned about the disappearance on July



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Natsuki Yamada, left, and her younger sister, Chinatsu.

2 when he saw the news on TV. Ichikawa said he was already worried at that time because Chinatsu did not contact him for a few days.

When Ichikawa watched the news, no names were mentioned at that time but when it was revealed that two sisters went missing on Saipan, he knew right away it was his fiancée and her sister.

"I was shocked," Ichikawa

When he found out about the news, the victims' parents were





the parents when they returned to Japan.

Ichikawa said the sisters took a train to the airport in Japan on their way to Saipan.

The parents said their daughters are good swimmers.

Search and rescue team recovered last July 2 an inflatable raft that was believed to have been used by the sisters at Wing Beach.

The parents want to believe that Chinatsu and Natsuki are still alive, a belief echoed by the fiancée. And because of this be-

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already on Saipan. He contacted lief, they keep coming back to the island, hoping to get more information about them. It's the fifth time that the Yamadas and Ichikawa came to Saipan after the incident. They will return next month, hoping to finally get some answers.





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searchers spotted Hai Ren Li's Toyota Tacoma that was abandoned under some tangan-tangan trees a few meters on the side of Magisa Drive in As Gonno. Sources said black plastic bags were draped over the back of the vehicle to conceal it. Police were informed about the car and they towed it for processing.

Magisa Drive is located just about 50 meters from the old airport runway in Koblerville, where the bodies of Hai Ren Li and his brother-in-law, Cheng You Li, were found Sunday morning.

Magisa Drive is also a few meters away from Tun Kioshi Road, where Hai Ren Li's items were found

The same group of searchers found the bodies dumped in the grassy area and covered with



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Photo shows the grassy field near Tun Kioshi Road and the unfinished castle-shaped hotel, where the passport, ATM card and other items of murdered farmer Hai Ren Li were found by concerned Chinese nationals last Saturday. The same group of searchers found the bodies of Hai Ren Li and his brother-in-law Cheng You Li in a grassy area at the old airport runway in Koblerville the following morning, Sunday.

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over such an action when the defendant is not currently in office.

Wiseman dismissed the case without prejudice, meaning the case can be re-filed in the future.

If the AG find it necessary to file criminal charges against the former governor, it is free to do so as it retained exclusive prosecutorial even after Fitial resigned from office, Wiseman said.

Fitial, through counsel Stephen J. Nutting, moved to dismiss the charges.

Nutting argued that the Legislature had no authority to grant to the Public Auditor the power to prosecute a criminal complaint, especially when that power is afforded to the Attorney General under the CNMI Constitution.

Nutting asserted that even if the statute were constitutional, it did not give the Public Auditor the authority to bring criminal charges against a former governor, and now private citizen.

Nutting said only if the AG refuses to prosecute will it become necessary for the OPA to prosecute.

In the government's opposi-

tion to the motion, OPA legal counsel George L. Hasselback argued that Fitial's interpretation of the statute is incorrect and that it would result in absurdities.

Hasselback said not only does this interpretation disregard the basic sentence structure of the statue, but such an interpretation would also result in absurd applications that would waste time, money and resources of the government, as to render the entire statute useless.

Hasselback said OPA has been corresponding with the AG over the years about OPA's investigation in Fitial's case.

In granting the motion, Wiseman ruled that the AG retains the sole authority to prosecute Fitial once he resigned from office.

Wiseman cited a CNMI Supreme Court ruling that states that "in order to minimize the pernicious effect that might arise from requiring the Office of the Attorney General to prosecute its own members, the AG, or the governor, the Commonwealth Constitution established system of checks and balances, which included the creation of the OPA to serve as a sentinel against government malfeasance."

Wiseman said it could not

realistically expect the AG to prosecute himself for a criminal offense, considering the AG could simply order his subordinates to dismiss the charges or cease the investigation.

By the same logic, Wiseman said, a governor could simply remove the AG from office should he attempt to bring criminal charges against him.

In a footnote of his ruling, the judge noted that he recognizes that, as a practical matter, with the CNMI's first elected attorney general to be sworn in in a matter of months, this would no longer be possible.

Wiseman said once the governor resigns from office and becomes a private citizen, those "pernicious effects" are effectively excised, as he no longer officially controls or has the power to remove the AG from his post.

"Put in another way, after a former governor or AG leaves office, the danger for manipulation is removed—at least in an official capacity, as he would have the same status as any other private citizen—and the OPA is no longer necessary as a neutral party with equal authority to investigate alleged criminal activity and prosecute the former governor or AG," he said.

Wiseman said he need not address Fitial's remaining grounds for dismissal—no reasonable grounds for instituting action, vagueness of criminal statutes, and insufficient informationbecause he has already ruled in his favor of his primary argument: the authority of the OPA to prosecute a governor who has resigned from office.

Wiseman said any prosecution would not be initiated if the OAG find no probable cause to institute a criminal action against Fitial, despite a recommendation from OPA to pros-

On May 1, 2014, OPA filed a complaint charging Fitial with 10 various criminal charges. OPA later amended the information to include three more charges.

The charges are related to the unauthorized release of a federal inmate, award of a sole-source American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contract, shielding of former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from being served with penal summons, and the execution of a power purchase agreement contract related to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Fitial, 68, pleaded not guilty to all charges.

may be involved in the murders.

They also disclosed that the throats of Hai and Cheng had been slit and that their bodies were found covered with mango leaves.

The two farmers' bodies were found on Sunday morning at the old airport runway in Koblerville and the Department of Public Safety said there were

It is the third double homicide involving Chinese nationals on Saipan in less than two years.

Last February, the charred bodies of Guo Huang Xu and Qing Xiu Zheng were found inside their house, which had

In December 2012, couple Jun Li Yang and Jing Liu were found murdered execution-style inside their home in San Vicente.

mango leaves, sources said.

It was not clear yet whether an autopsy had already been conducted on the victims as it was last reported that Guam chief medical examiner Aurelio Espinola is off-island

According to police investigation, Department of Public Safety Dispatch received a call about two missing persons on Saturday at 9:39am.

The victims were last seen in the afternoon of Friday last week, when they left their respective homes in As Lito and San Antonio between 12pm and 2:30pm.

Families and friends of the

victims urged the FBI to assist DPS in solving the murder after they tagged six local men who have allegedly been extorting money from Chinese farmers as possibly behind the recent killing as well as the murder of two other Chinese farmers, also in As Gonno.

Sources said Hai Ren Li, 51, has money and that his sister also owns a store on Saipan. Cheng Yu Li, 47, worked with him in his farm.

Hai Ren Li had been supplying almost all hotels and stores on the island with vegetables and fruits.

High surf advisory today

A high surf advisory is now in effect until 10am today, Friday.

According to the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, expect hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet along west and north facing reefs to fall below hazardous levels Friday morning.

The agency advises the general public and inexperienced mariners, especially

those operating smaller vessels, to avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets. Avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along north and west facing reefs as rip currents are life threatening. (Saipan Tribune)

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Guerrero said that's where the voters' turnout has always been traditionally, so this year's is almost the same compared to the past elections.

However, considering the number of voters who registered and voted, this year is the biggest in CNMI history, he added.

Voter turnout in 2009 stood at 86 percent. In the 2005 gubernatorial elections when Benigno R. Fitial edged Heinz Hofschneider by just 99 votes, the voter turn out was 93 percent.

CEC chair Frances Sablan said Tuesday's elections had a very good turnout, especially from the absentee voters. She said the absentee voting itself had roughly about 89 percent turnout.

On the issue of delayed tallying of votes, Sablan said they tried to do the tabulation right after the polls closed at 7pm, but they were then still processing the absentee ballots.

"We started earlier this year. We started picking up the absentee ballots at 9:30pm so that we can have a head start. But even then we were still delayed," she said.

This year, Sablan said, the tabulating machines were some of the factors that caused the delay.

"We have a different machine. The capability is slower and not as fast as the bigger machines," she said.

The tabulation started close to midnight. Guerrero announced the first results at 12:40am Wednesday. He announced the results of the final set of ballots at 8:10am.

On the Rota issue, Sablan explained that it was a technical problem in terms of paper. She said the law specifies that that they need to do the official tabulation and have a printed report before the ballots can leave the designated island, in this case

"We were not able to produce the printed report so therefore we couldn't bring the ballots over. So we had to send down the paper," she said.

To send down the paper to Rota, CEC had to charter a flight. The plane came from Tinian and had to fly to Saipan first to get the paper before fly-

On gubernatorial runoff race, Sablan said the printing of ballots will be done locally.

"We're going to do a manual count so it's something within our means. And we've done it before in the 2009 election," she said

She said the counting will take a few hours and they're hoping to complete the counting before midnight.

Sablan said the special election process also caused a delay as they had to sort the ballots and then count.

She also noted that sorting the absentee ballots was another a time-consuming process.

The CEC chair said they had expected to be more efficient and be able to come up with the results earlier this year but with the glitches they had with the machine, troubleshooting for Rota, and the processing of the absentee ballots, all of these added up to more delays.

"So it was a setback," she

On the certification of results, Sablan said once they get all the information they will do so because right now they print them out and have to consolidate and compile the results from the different tabulation machines.

"So once that is set, we will certify," she said, hinting that they may do it today, Friday.

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tinue so we can put this thing into finality," he added.

Members of the Chinese community staged a protest in front of the Office of the Governor last week to demand that law enforcement authorities solve not only this latest killing but a spate of other murders involving Chinese nationals in the past couple of years.

"That had to do with probably one or two other events that have not been resolved and it only means we have to work harder. And that's why I'm asking local and federal law enforcement agencies to help out," Inos said.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said he is both sad and upset about the killing of the two Chinese farmers.

"I think I speak for us all when I say it was a shock and a sadness to have something like this happen in our community. Now we have to rely on our public safety officers to investigate and bring any responsible parties to justice," Sablan said.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon P. Guerrero cautioned the public against making hasty conclusions on how the two farmers were killed or who murdered them. He said everyone should let local and federal law enforcement do their jobs and investigate the case.

The killing of the two men has even alarmed the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

'The latest murder of two Chinese resident nationals on

Saipan provides an unnerving situation in our quiet tranquil community," wrote Chamber president Alex Sablan in the organization's monthly newsletter. "It would seem there is an element of organized crime involved in these heinous senseless act of violence. I hope that the Chinese community on Saipan can help the authorities by providing valuable information that will apprehend the culprits and bring them to justice."

In an earlier report in the Saipan Tribune, some members of the Chinese community alleged that local extortionists might be behind the killings of Hai and Cheng.

Family members and friends of the two also said a group of six local men who've been extorting money from Chinese farmers

visible signs of foul play.

been burnt to the ground.

Calif. drought may increase Calrose rice prices further

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As the merciless drought in California continues, the cost of Diamond G Calrose rice on island is expected to rise.

"The drought has caused rice prices to rise. And it is a big increase," Clarence Tenorio, head buyer and wholesale manager at J.C. Tenorio Enterprises Inc, said.

In January this year, Joeten sold a 50-lb Diamond G rice for \$25.99, according to Tenorio. But now, he said, the competitive price hovers around \$33.99 to \$34.99.

It has risen incrementally this year; first in January, then again in February, March, and April, according to Tenorio.

Just on the retail side, this is a 30-percent increase, he said.

With an anticipated new crop to be priced around the end of this year or the beginning of next, Tenorio believes Saipan is "almost guaranteed a higher price" of rice.

As few as 50,000 acres of California's rice farms may be flooded this year because of water restrictions, according to the California Rice Com-

mission. Typically, 250,000 to never seen it this bad in Califor-300,000 acres of rice farms are flooded each year, according to the commission.

California farmers have planted 25 percent less than last year, according to the commission.

Ongoing is a promotion period that began on 0ct. 27 and ends on Nov. 21, according to Tenorio. The period allows buyers in the region to avail of the old crop from the previous harvest in California. He expects some reductions in prices during this period, possibly "one or two dollars off the bag."

Tenorio said he would hate to see prices at \$40 next January but, he said, "you never know." He called it "unfortunate," as rice is such a staple part of the diet on island. Restaurants, vendors, and hotels use Diamond G rice especially, he said.

He has been a buyer at Joeten for the last 15 years, and he's







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nia, he said.

"This is three years, it's hard hit. I've tried to mitigate it by bringing in rice from other places...but people prefer the [Diamond G] brand. It is just that strong," he said.

During the spring Joeten brought in "Sunwhite" rice from Australia, according to Tenorio. It sells for 25 percent less than Diamond G, Tenorio said.

The historic drought in California has sharply reduced crop production, according to the Associated Press. It said 95 percent of the state is in "severe" or "exceptional" drought.

Like Joeten, Twins Supermarket has also raised its prices. Last year, Twins sold Diamond G rice at \$28.99 per 50 lbs. Now they sell it for \$32.99.





COTA eyes public-private tie-up for transpo projects

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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With the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority's application for federal grants not panning out, it is now looking at other options on how to get its public transportation projects off the ground.

Tom Camacho, special assistant for public transportation, said Wednesday that their alternative plan is to consider the possibility of a public-private partnership, P3.

"However, COTA needs legal authority through legislation to engage in this type of agreement, which is different from the traditional procurement process," Camacho said.

A P3 is a common-grounds

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agency and a private company. Through a P3 arrangement, the skills and assets of each sector are shared in delivering a service or facility for the use of the general public. In addition to that, each party shares in the risks and rewards potential in the delivery of the service and facility.

Projects with higher chances of success are high priority projects that are defined and have demonstrated public sector commitment

"Projects delivered through a P3 must allocate the risks fairly between the parties, with each sector assuming the risks that they are best able to manage," Camacho said.

The public agency assumes

partnership between a public the initial risk by undertaking the environmental clearance effort, assessing financial feasibility, and gaining stakeholder and political commitment.

Meanwhile, the private agency can assume the financial risk, such as project funding, construction and perhaps facility management.

means to accelerate delivery of our much-needed transportation projects. If we can use up-front private invest-

"We are looking at P3s as a ment to finance some of the projects, we will likely see construction cost savings due to a favorable bidding," Camacho said.

Construction of new Tinian reservoir moves forward

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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The Tinian reservoir project has been given the go signal to begin construction and an announcement has been issued to solicit bids from contractors who will build it, according to Lt. Gov.

Jude Hofschneider Friday.

lion-gallon water reservoir in Carolina Heights. 'All everyone has

to wait for is for the

bids to come in and

once the period for

the bidding process

is done and the con-

tractor is selected,

the construction peri-

od will commence,"

Hofschneider said.

>> Dela Cruz: **Design** is complete and has been funded for

He said Tinian looks forward He said the project involves to having a new reservoir be-

the construction of a half-mil- cause of the impending plan of the U.S. military to expand its activities on the island.

'We are also looking forward to this completion because of

the current situation of the reservoir. It needs repair," he added.

The water reservoir will be built adjacent to the existing tank in Carolina Heights.

According to Tinian Mayor's Office

chief of staff Don Farrell, the water reservoir project was initiated by Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz in 2010 and was one of the first projects he pushed for upon being elected to office.

Dela Cruz

Shortly after taking office and initiating the project, Del Cruz faced a variety of local and federal regulatory agencies and continued to press the issue since then.

The final decision was made when grants management specialist Keith W. Aughenbaugh of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs authorized CNMI Capital Improvement Program administrator Vicky Villagomez to proceed with the project on Oct. 15, 2014.

Aughenbaugh stated in his letter that OIA had reviewed the documents submitted by CNMI CIP office on Sep. 15, 2014 and found the project to be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act or NEPA.

The project has funding of

\$936,594 through CIP.

Dela Cruz said he had been pushing for this project for several years.

"I believe it's almost been a decade already but previous legislators reprogrammed the

> money appropriated for this project to address some other priorities," he said.

> "This additional water tank is necessary because we cannot shut down the one existing tank for cleaning and inspec-

tion until we have another on hand. Having the additional tank added to the system will provide gravity-fed drinking water to our people, even when the power system goes down during storms," Dela Cruz said.

Farrell also said the CNMI Water Task Force led by Pete Sasamoto has also been very helpful.

In an earlier email to Saipan Tribune, Sasamoto stated that the Water Task Force had the project designed in 2010 at the request of Villagomez. After they secured an approved budget from OIA, they proceeded with a bid that was published on Oct. 27, 2014.

Besides this project, Dela Cruz said he had been working with not only the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers but also with CNMI CIP director Elizabeth Balajadia and the U.S Marines Forces Pacific in the last two years on a long-term plan for the reconstruction of the Tinian Harbor.





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(Top) Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan with his father, the late Jesus Diaz Sablan, his mother, Victorina Camacho Sablan, his wife, Andrea, and his children, Jesse and Patricia Sablan. (Right) Congressman Sablan's grandchildren, clockwise from top left: Amanda, Greg Jr. Rob and Wes



Group to mark Typhoon Haiyan's 1st anniversary

Tomorrow, Nov. 8, 2014, the US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter (CNMI and Guam) and the Global Filipino Diaspora Marianas, in collaboration with the National Federation of Filipino American Associations Marianas chapter, will be commemorating the first anniversary of Typhoon Haiyan/ Yolanda at the Filcom Pavilion in Susupe, near the Sabalu Market, from 9am to 12pm.

According to Dr. Celia Lamkin, chairperson of USP4GG Marianas chapter and founding chairperson of GFDM, Saturday's activities include registration of Filipinos who need certification from TESDA or have potentials that can be certified by TESDA; a program consisting of prayers and inspirational messages from speakers, testi-

affected by Typhoon Haiyan; and a sharing of insights on the Temporary Protected Status for the Philippines in relation to Typhoon Haiyan and how TPS can help

Philippines. There will also be a com-



monies of families who were memorative Mass at 6pm in

San Jose Church at San Jose, Saipan, to be officiated by Rev. Father Rey Rosal.

During the launching of the Global Filipino Diaspora Marianas on Sept. 28, 2014, Lamkin mentioned about her

vision and goal for all Filipinos

in the CNMI and Guam to be certified by TESDA.

As a result of her initiative and tireless efforts, TESDA Undersecretary Teodoro Pascua has requested Lamkin for data on how many Filipinos in the CNMI and Guam need to be certified to justify the need of assessment and certification of overseas Filipino workers, hence the initiative of US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter to do this registration drive.

Filipinos are advised to look for Jess Yumul, an active member of the USP4GG Marianas chapter, during the registration for TESDA certification at the Filcom Pavilion on Saturday from 9am to 10:30am, prior to the program of the first anniversary of Typhoon Haiyan, added Lamkin.

Members of the CNMI community are invited to attend the Haiyan commemoration regardless of ethnicity, religion, citizenship and nationality. (PR)



COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Request For Proposal CPUC-RFP-14-001 **CPUC Expert Consultant Services**

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from a qualified Firm/Individual(s) to provide consultant services for and on behalf of the Commission in connection with its regulatory oversight duties of public utilities, telecommunication carriers and cable television operators during business within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Chamber draws line on Air Force's divert airfield proposal for Saipan

By MARK RABAGO

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has taken a firm stance against the U.S. Department of Defense's insistence to build the U.S. Air Force divert airfield on Saipan instead of the CNMI government's preference that it be built on Tinian.

"The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has been very supportive of our armed forces and the women and men in uniform that bravely defend our freedom daily. We appreciate the ship visits into our port and the economic benefit that comes from the support of businesses in the CNMI, but a line must be drawn in the sand when military brass press the envelope of negotiation to a tipping point that frustrates the CNMI community," Chamber president Alex Sablan wrote in the organization's monthly newsletter.

Sablan said placing the divert airfield on Tinian will have a substantial benefit to that island, while putting it on Saipan will have a negative effect on the recovering tourism industry.

"Designating Tinian as the divert airfield location (we would hope) would also improve airport infrastructure, which more than likely would enhance the Tinian municipality's ability to receive direct flights, which in turn improves their economic opportunity. The idea that establishing the divert airfield on Saipan would not disrupt our tourism industry sounds a little farfetched and not something we want to risk toying with just because the Air Force wants to save some money."

The Chamber president said the local community's continuing frustration with the military also involves the empty promises related to the long-delayed military buildup in the region.

"[It] stems from the original discussion of a military buildup in the region, the expansion of the range complex encompassing thousands of square miles of sea and air space within the CNMI (their military playground) for nothing more than relative scraps budgeted for the CNMI when Marine relocation to Guam is set to be completed in 2021; again, billions will be spent on Guam and mere breadcrumb scraps on Tinian."

Sablan also reminded the military how its planned use of Paghat in Guam was stopped dead in its tracks by

public uproar

"Then there is the ongoing (non) discussion of the Marine's use of Pagan but, as with Paghat on Guam, the military again fumbles the proverbial ball with Pagan 2.0 by allowing a groundswell of public sentiment to build in opposition to use by the military of Pagan because a plan has not been established before an announcement was made with regard to their interest."

Sablan said while the military has updated the CNMI with timelines before it receives a "record of decision," this has been "drowned out by the lack of respect the CNMI is receiving with respect to true and sincere negotiations and by all accounts relatively no economic benefit within and outside their military fence."

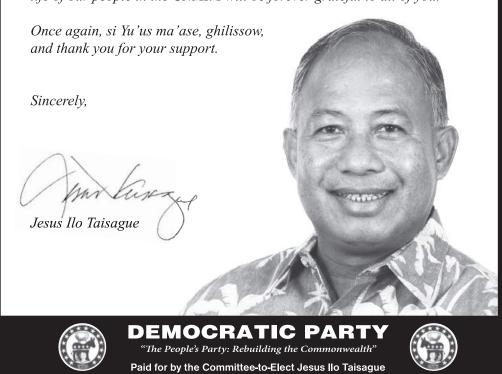
He said that in five meetings with various consultants, meetings with different admirals, and a host of support staff, the military said they are cognizant that they need good public relations to sell their ideas and that they need to negotiate fairly.

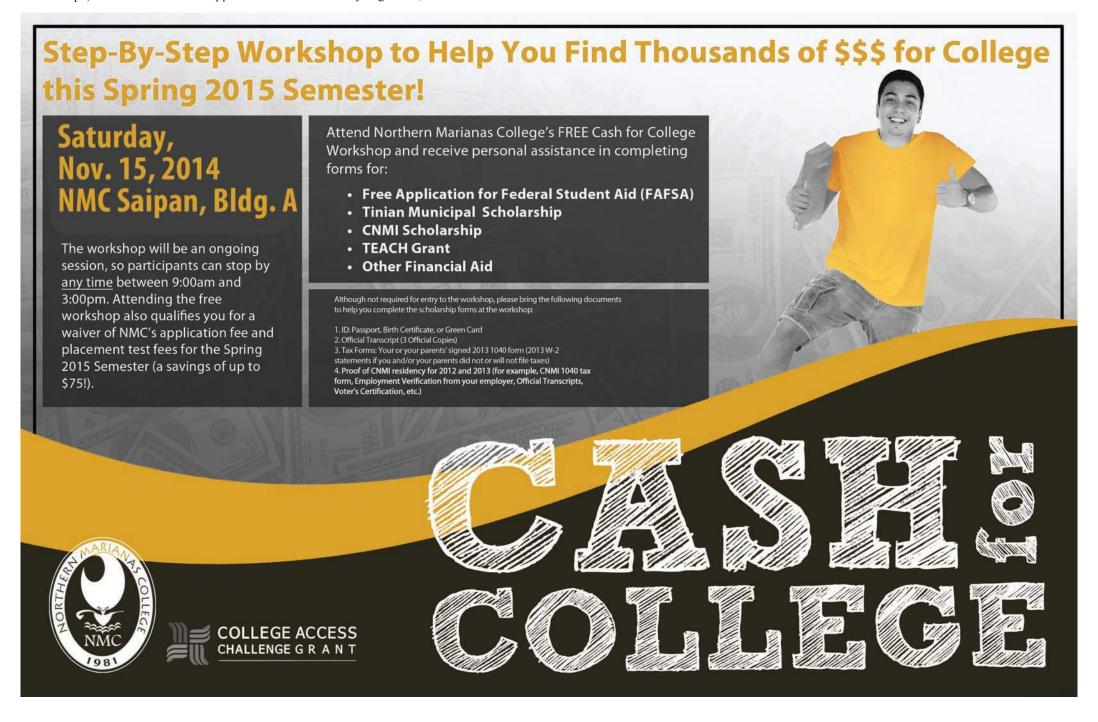
"It is our hope that they learn from their more recent episode on Guam and not take the CNMI people, their fellow United States citizens, for granted," said Sablan.

Thank You For Your Support

While my obvious desire was to win a Senate seat this election, the people have spoken and I have accepted their decision and their choices of Senate candidates. Nevertheless, I am humbled by the number of votes I received considering this is my first time to run as a political candidate in an island-wide race and I am honored to be a part of a process that will forever be an enduring and lasting experience for me in the Democratic Party. I extend my sincere congratulations to Former Congressman Arnold Indalecio Palacios and Former Congressman Oscar Manglona Babauta for placing as top two highest vote getters.

Most especially, I would like to extend my most humble gratitude to all my supporters, families, and friends for your confidence in me and my commitment to push solution-driven legislations to improve the quality of life of our people in the CNMI. I will be forever grateful to all of you.





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US should steer clear of a new Cold War

evelopments in the evolving relationship among elements in Ukraine and Russia continue to play out, most recently with disputed elections Sunday in the Donetsk and Luhansk areas of eastern Ukraine.

The critical piece for the United States is not to be drawn into a new Cold War with Russia. For President Vladimir Putin, it's about restoring Russian pride, which was diminished substantially when the Soviet Union collapsed in the last century. For the United States, the danger comes from military types and the weapons industry, which are always looking for new opportunities.

Putin appears to be gradually withdrawing Russian forces from eastern Ukraine and neighboring Russia. Yet U.S. and some NATO military leaders appear to be trumpeting alleged but insufficiently documented signs of more Russian aggressiveness in Europe.

The only way unity will be restored is through talks, although some elements in Kiev hope the United States or NATO will intervene to unite the divided country. The Oct. 26 elections left the pro-Western elements in Ukraine in disarray, with divisions between rival leaders and dozens of political parties represented in the 450-member parliament waiting to be resolved.

For the United States, the correct position is to stay in touch with the Kiev government, Putin and, if possible, the Donetsk and Luhansk leaders, urging increased cooperation leading toward Ukrainian unity. There is no useful military role for the United States or NATO, but economic aid can certainly be delayed as an incentive to restoring unity.

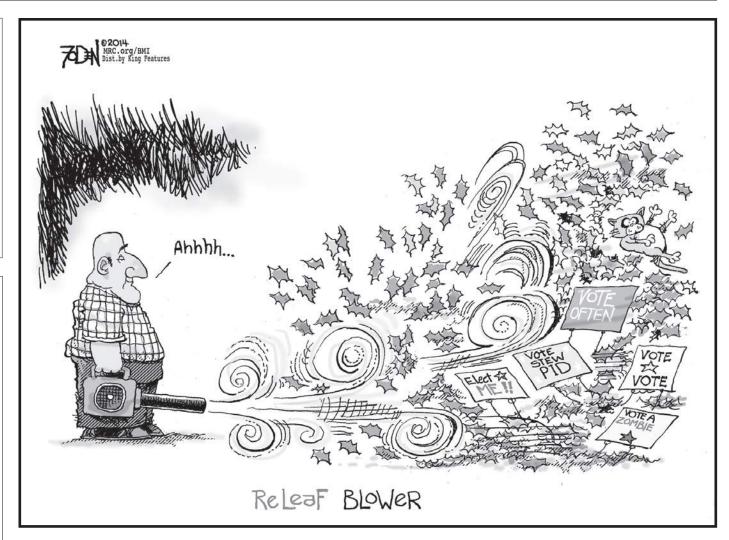
Pope on point in reiterating Vatican's stance on evolution

When Pope Francis said last week that evolution and the Big Bang theory did not conflict with Catholic teaching, it really wasn't news. This pope just has a talent for framing long-held beliefs in a fresh way, as he has done before in taking up the cause of the poor. Instead, this news was more a timely reminder.

Despite that unfortunate business with Galileo 400 years ago over his alleged heretical beliefs on the movement of planets, anybody who has been paying attention lately understands that the church has not been at war with scientific knowledge. Other popes have expressed the same ideas, especially on evolution.

Pope Francis, though, has a way of making headlines. In his remarks before the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, he may have raised the eyebrows of everyone from cardinals on down. "When we read about creation in Genesis, we run the risk of imagining God was a magician, with a magic wand able to do everything. But that is not so," the pope said. "He created human beings and let them develop according to the internal laws that he gave to each one, so they would reach their fulfillment."

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The grasslands

he horseman in the open grasslands of *Nei Menggu* (Inner Mongolia) depicts a romanticized image of the freedom-loving Mongol under the open skies. Yurt towed behind by the menfolk, followed by the women, children and the elderly who can still and are ever so willing to measure one step at a time, is one image of nomadic tribes on their seasonal walkabout, common among the people in the open frontiers. No longer. They've been herded into public settlement housing.

More than a year ago, I took my gear on a train to Manzhouli, a city dubbed as "the point of convergence between Russia and China" where frontier ladies are still not afraid to show hairy armpits, not too far from Genghis Khan's Hailar close to Hulun lake in the Mongolian Plateau that leads to Ulan Bator of Mongolia.

Manzhouli is more than Russia's downtown architecture like Harbin, Heilongjiang, the home of the world famous ice sculpture festival shown on TV each winter. The whole of Manzhouli is Russian. It was summer 2012 when I witnessed tourists took over the city that is already built for St. Petersburg's tastes, save that the signage is in Russian, Chinese, Mongolian, and English. China owns the place and Hans change the rubles, but at the time, the Cossacks loudly belted over their malt, bellowed over their brew, and cleared their sinuses with the Chinese vodka (bai jiu).

The Beijing government pushes domestic consumption. The recession of 2007 hit global manufacturing hard, so local tourism is dirt cheap. Vehicles from the south are abundant in Hulunbuir, and Cantonese is spoken in many tour sites. Sadly, the ¥en-rich Japanese tourist are not seen, given their previous *Manchukuo* record.

It was the grasslands that caught my fancy. At the edge of the fields, dependent on climatic regularity, it was threatened by the encroaching Gobi Desert as one viewed the magnificent skyline of Manzhouli of European architecture in the middle of an undulating verdant sea of grass. The massive border structure between Russia and China was magnificent but the rarity of use spoke of the conflict not too long ago on disputed territories in the shifting sands of the Er'gun River.

Of course, *Nei Menggu* is more than our Hulunbuir experience. Chifeng northwest of Shenyang, Hohhot and Erenhot northwest of Beijing on the road to Ulan Bator, and Baotou northwest of Ninxia offers diversity as industrialization vies with history to accommodate 56 ethnic players into modern times in a disparate distance of 40 longitudes from one end to the other.

Ordos in the province is familiar to many because of its publicized lavish spending ("Ordos" means "palaces") including its infamous "ghost town" in Kangbashi new area that hosted a Ms. World contest. Inner Mongolia is a plateau and underneath its

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rich loess are ancient deposits of minerals and rare earth sediments that are pillars to the region's economy, registering the highest per capita income in country.

The "Pearl of the Grasslands" is in the Hulunbuir district. Predominantly Han, Hailar consciously chitter-chatter and scripts in Mongolian, appropriately being the home to Genghis Khan. The poster image and optic delight of the grassland outside the city was littered with ranch animals and herders in the open range when I visited, with a meandering river fed by the wetland before it emptied into the Er'gun River to the north where Shiwei had Russian-speaking Chinese, and Chinese-speaking Russians, and the fair mixed bloods delightfully loquacious in between.

The wired fence by the road built to contain the animals from crossing was understandable but the sight of bisecting fences made me suspect territorial dispute among the herders. Then I saw dark smoke in the horizon and realized that the mound of black dirt was piled coal to fuel plants located in the grasslands. The fence kept prying outsiders out!

China requires a lot of power, and though it burns Bohai and Qiqihar oil, along with natural gas and imports, it is 70 percent coal dependent. When it digs up all the coal out of Shanxi (the Province west of Beijing, shan = mountain and xi = west), there will only be a water reservoir left behind! That's how rich the country is with coal!

Now that China's derrick technology is mature, the world deprives her of the cleaner black gold within her nine-dash-line in the South China Sea. Oil cartel (*supermajors*) BP, Shell, Chevron, and ExxonMobil reportedly engage the Philippines, Malaysia and Vietnam to deprive China of her chance to suck up the fluid off the ground in what is now called Luzon Sea in the new Penguin World Map.

The grasslands' electric plant carbon emission is considerable and the blight of the new electric lines distributing output has no aesthetic claim, but the toxic air affects the global weather 360 degrees. Folks at the fork of the Indian-Kentuck stream in China, Indiana, close to the Kentucky border, now wear protective facemasks. The smog of the grassland is in U.S. backyards.

Testing, one, two, three

f you're looking for a marker for middle age, or at least a cynical quip, let me offer this one: It's when you realize that most conversations are merely reincarnations of previous ones. So here's one topic that's always resurfacing around the homestead: tests. Every year, another order of kith and kin is facing a gauntlet of tests such as PSATs, SATs, college midterms and finals, military aptitude tests, graduate school admission tests, licensing exams, and so on.

The world isn't getting any less competitive. From what I've seen, unless you were born with a juicy trust fund, being a good test-taker can very well make the difference between getting somewhere or staying stuck.

But not everybody embraces test-taking as a tool for opportunity. Some people loathe taking written exams. Other people, by contrast, relish the competitive nature of matching wits. I think these are polarized camps and I haven't seen much, if any, middle ground.

At the big and obvious end of things, many parents, fingers a-waggin', have pointed out that if you want to write the magic letters after your name (such as M.D., C.P.A., etc.) you'll be taking dozens (if not hundreds, all things considered) of tests along those paths. In fact, once you boil off the fur and fat, most high-level professional credentials are basically evidence of test-passing, usually up to and including a licensing exam.

There's a lot of discussion these days about the costs vs. benefits of going to college, but I'm not opening that can of worms here. It's not my fight one way or the other.

But college isn't where all the test action is. We can look at other things. I'll note a few industries that can also involve written exams, and these have nothing to do with college, or at least nothing directly.

Here's one: financial services. This isn't just for Wall Street hotshots. There are a lot of normal everyday people working on Main Street who had to pass certification exams in fields such as stock sales, bond sales, futures and options sales, certain types of insurance sales, investment advising, and so on.

This realm can be a step up the ladder for people who start with pretty humble jobs. I've known people who started off as bank tellers, for example, who became investment advisors or "securities representatives" (think stock broker).

Maintaining our focus on Main Street, one very common job is real estate sales. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, "Real estate brokers and sales agents held about 422,000 jobs in 2012. About 52 percent were self-employed."

I don't know how this shakes out in the CNMI since I never shopped for real estate here, but in every case I know of stateside, real estate agents and brokers had to pass licensing exams.

This is one broad field. There's seemingly something for every-body in real estate. I've seen people in hot markets become millionaires selling houses, I've seen people working merely part-time who were happy to sell just a few houses a year, I've seen wheeler-dealer types doing deals in commercial "1031" tax-deferral exchanges, and most people I've known who owned their own jets were involved, somehow, in real estate.

By ED STEPHENS

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Well, speaking of jets, we'll take a look at the airport. And here we'll notice that many workers have to take licensing exams. A few that come to mind are pilots, flight engineers, aircraft dispatchers, and various types of technicians. Come to think of it, I took my flight engineer exam at a test center on Saipan, so maybe this makes up for my lack of participation in the real estate scene.

Meanwhile, as many Saipan residents know, there's a test known as the ASVAB, which stands for Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. This is the test to screen candidates for military enlistment.

There is a healthy industry in test-preparation courses for all the realms I'm mentioned, and the home-study method is alive and well.

As you can see, taking tests isn't the exclusive domain of ivory towers, but is a big part of normal life, too. Some topics never die. This is one of them.

Elections: Its beastly nature

hatever mood swing you're in, e.g., celebratory, antsy from the sad reversal of political fortunes, or despondent, it's the nature of the beast—there's only one victor—the rest of whom take empty benches in the back of the room.

The coveted four-way contest is indecisive and it boils down to a runoff in two weeks between former House speaker Heinz Hofschneider and incumbent Republican governor Eulogio S. Inos. The former could easily come out ahead if he could craft a deal with the two camps—Babauta and Guerrero—both victims of this administration. It's an easy win of over a thousand votes!

One enters the fray loaded with mullah, the other his gravitas. The latter isn't singing any "sunshine" tune but has set his eyes on leading the CNMI to a hopeful break of morn.

The CNMI wading in the swamp of fiscal crisis needs major resuscitation known as "anchor" investments.

The woefully anemic economy started more than two decades ago, initially derailed by loss of immigration control. It simply annihilated the local economy. It was a boon for labor unions in California while completely destroying the local economy.

This triggered the exit of the \$2.1 billion apparel industry. Close behind was the exodus of other key players in private industries that used their luggage as their head and feet. Their slow exodus left behind a near-complete ghost town.

The combined exodus forced the CNMI into a new height in *mea culpa* and genuflection in perpetuity unto itself. What perfect zoo to see how labor unions in California could easily send fragile economies into the abyss of destruction, a heartless agenda that shows what mindlessness could inflict against our livelihood out here. It turns into a fiscal monstrosity that has adversely affected everyone. Could we reboot investment and lure "anchor" economic ventures?

The CNMI has its work cut out, especially on the listless economy. Leadership must reset its button realistically too. The journey on this issue is arduous and lengthy. There's no room for a honeymoon either.

Laying my pencil down

Sonia Ricotti, author and motivational speaker, said of leaving: "Surrender what is, let go of what was and have faith in what will be." Slowly, I would leave the intellectual playground of my mind as sunset dims across the sea of these beautiful isles.

It's time to finalize my scripts on books I'm scribbling in the vernacular and a brief one on indigenous rights mirrored against self-government before I lay down my pen. My visits to this part of the paper would be occasional. I mean, how true that once you taste ink it's embedded in your bloodstream forever.

Well, several of my kids are recipients of my DNA in both music and rhetoric and are flexing their muscles. Each is college-educated, seasoned in researching their materials. Their discourses would be founded on "educated" discussions. Indeed, I look forward to putting down my pen at the end of next year. It's time to surrender to younger minds.

Sailing self-government

It is a given that the concept of a democracy, specifically self-government, entails a long, slow process. There's a stark difference in its essence—what we've learned in civic courses—versus our perception of what must we do in the actual exercise of self-government.

For instance, we've learned (or thought we did) why our government must spend within its means. Getting rid of deficit is even provided for under our Constitution. Yet we avoid understanding and accepting our roles to ensure that our government doesn't engage in overspending. Is it not true that it is the taxes that we pay that fund government operations? Why do we accept wasteful spending with blind servility?

This deficiency, specifically lack of civic understanding of government, is pandemic and it's all over the country. Having talked to a good number of people here, most don't know their basic documents, e.g., the Covenant agreement or the NMI Constitution.

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Be it here or across the country, there's a dire need to reintroduce and strengthen civic courses to help students understand the foundation of our democratic republic. Beyond basic courses there's a need to encourage students to read up on current national and global matters. You see, technology has shrunk the global village down to clicks on iPhones or laptops.

I ventured raising this issue so that we could begin organizing issues of substance vital for the indigenous people to come to terms with moving into the future. Disoriented discussions must cease forthwith.

If I may engage in some bantering: Covenant Section 902 offers the best way forward in terms of cultural and economic assistance from economies of scale nearby. We could have sought the help of the U.S. Department of State on this score.

But we opted to ignore it and even dropped the ball while reining in a non-voting delegate at the U.S. Congress. I'm not sure that we've made major strides in self-government when the D.C. non-voting delegate doesn't vote on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In committees, his vote is relegated to one that "counts when it doesn't count and doesn't count when it counts." And so our non-voting delegate is basically a bench warmer, true?

Section 805 pertains to land alienation—limiting landownership to the indigenous people—a provision that is a part of the "agreement." There are those who say this is "discriminatory" and even dare venture voting on an issue that excludes them from any rights to landownership.

Discriminatory? How do you explain Uncle Sam giving Native Americans complete ownership and control of their land? I mean, it doesn't take much to deduce that what's good for the goose is also good for the gander. Sayu?

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In other words, the creator God had a process—"a supreme principle" as he called it. "The Big Bang, which today we hold to be the origin of the world, does not contradict the intervention of the divine creator but, rather, requires it," Pope Francis said. "Evolution in nature is not inconsistent with the notion of creation, because evolution requires the creation of beings that evolve."

Once again Pope Francis' intellect has clarified an issue, which in the United States at least has brought shadows, not light. The pope's words are also a reminder that those who regard evolution as hostile to Christian belief are actually a minority among Christians.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open letter to OWWA

Dear OWWA Administrator Rebecca J. Calzado: We, the overseas Filipino workers on Saipan, would like to request one of your personnel to be part of the scheduled Philippine Consulate General's mobile outreach to Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands come Nov. 14-18, 2014.

Last October 2013, during the mobile consular outreach on Saipan, there were about more than 2,000 OFWs that applied for OWWA membership and/or renewal. Ms. Julia Fabian a former CNMI OWWA welfare officer, came to Saipan as part of the Guam consular team.

In October 2014, the memberships that were acquired last year have already expired. I and a lot of fellow OFWs here on Saipan are still interested in renewing our OWWA membership.

On Oct. 11, 2012, the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan closed down their office together with Philippine Overseas Labor Office and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration offices respectively due to economic reasons, leaving OFWs behind with no one to turn to on any problems concerning consular

matters. While it is true that the nearest neighboring island of Guam has a Philippine Consulate General, OFWs on Saipan cannot travel to Guam without appropriate visas as required by USCIS that makes us totally helpless and feel abandoned.

On Saipan, CNMI House Bill 17-147 was introduced to remove the mandatory benefits like free medical insurance coverage, free housing, food, and transportation to all nonresident workers, including OFWs. On Feb. 19, 2013, HB 17-147 became CNMI Public Law 17-92. In other words, majority of nonresident workers here are without medical or health insurance coverage. Unlike before we had mandatory health and medical insurance paid by our employer as an integral part of our employment contract. With the current status of nonresident workers under CW rules and regulations, there is no mandatory enrolment imposed on CNMI employers in favor of employees on health and medical insurance coverage. Insuring oneself like having an OWWA membership is a sign of love and care for your family for any unforeseen eventuality that may occur while on overseas work.

We hope that our request will meet your favourable attention and consideration. Thank you very much and God bless.

Carlito J. Marquez

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



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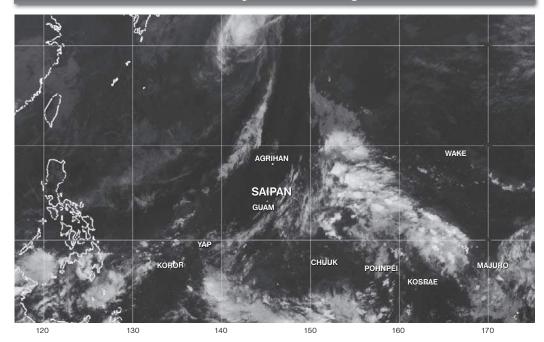


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Yesterday's Satellite Image

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PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014 Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Animation of satellite imagery indicated a monsoon trough which extended from near 04N139E to 08N150E to a broad area of cyclonic circulation analyzed near 08N153E. A weak surface trough extended north from this circulation center through about 17N154E. There were clusters of heavy showers and thunderstorms associated with the monsoon trough between the equator and 10N from 138E to 142E along the equator south of 03N from 138E to 157E. There were numerous clusters of thunderstorms associated with the surface trough and circulation center from roughly 8N to 18N from 150E to 160E. The circulation center was moving toward the west-northwest at 15 to 20 mph to the east of the monsoon trough. A near-equatorial trade wind convergence zone (NETWCZ) was resulting in a roughly 150 mile wide band of vigorous thunderstorms extending from about 12N160E to 07N168E. A weak tropical disturbance with only disorganized and mainly peripheral thunderstorms was analyzed near 09N175E and appeared to be moving toward the WNW around 15 mph. Another NETWCZ extended from 09N174E to beyond the dateline at 09N with a 120 mile wide band of widely separated thunderstorms and layered clouds. An upper level trough extended ssw to nne across the Mariana Islands from near 11N140E to 25N150E. This trough is moving toward the WNW at about 20 mph along and within about 300 miles to the west of the upper trough. The weather was generally fair with only small cumulus observed on satellite to the east of the trough east to near 150E. Scattered short-lived thunderstorms were noted.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the national weather service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the national weather service guam homepage: www.Prh.Noaa.Gov/quam/

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London	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 56	▼ 51
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Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86	▼72
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89	▼ 69
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81	▼ 66
New York	Rain	▲ 60	▼ 47
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 64	₩49
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 54	₩ 47
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲ 62	₹54
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Salem	Rain	▲ 60	₩42
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jacq needs our help

Many in the community both in the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam will remember Jacqueline Hernandez as perhaps the most talented photojournalist on island, documenting through her camera

important events and milestones in our lives.

Jacq worked as a newspaper photographer for the Marianas Variety, Saipan Tribune, and Pacific Daily News. In 2011 she

went back to the Philippines, working as a photojournalist for Manila Bulletin and occasionally taking photographs for the Associated Press and Agence France Presse.

A few months ago Jacq was diagnosed with Stage II HER2positive breast cancer. While her

condition is curable, the cure requires aggressive—and expensive—treatment. She is facing a mountain of medical bills and she needs all the help she can get.

This is why a group of Jacq's friends has launched a fundraising campaign to cover some of the medical costs.

We wish for Jacq to worry less about paying bills and focus more on getting better. We want her back out in the field with her camera as quickly as possible. To see why, check out Jacq's website: http://jacqhernandez. blogspot.com/

Any amount you can donate

would be greatly appreciated. To access the fundraising site, go to: https://www.indiegogo. com/projects/jacq-s-get-wellfund. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Haidee Eugenio via email

Stay united

My prediction of 3-to-1 loss for Inos/Torres is still in the balance with voters. Although I was way off using the faulty MV poll on Mr. Babauta, my original prediction has yet to be determined. I am still maintaining my prediction that IT would lose based on the fact that the majority of voters (55 percent) cast their vote against Inos and there is no reason for

them to change their minds in the runoff. The supporters of the Heinz, Babauta and Tofila need to band together if we are to change the Commonwealth and improve our quality of life. The voters who didn't vote also need to come out and support change and a better leader for the CNMI.

There are no new votes for IT to get if voters stay true to

their desire for new leadership. There won't be any more votes for IT because with 55 percent of the vote split between the Heinz, Babauta and Tofila supporters, voters should already know if they stay together and vote for Heinz they are guaranteed to have a new governor with a better chance for change and improvements.

The majority now has within their reach a clear opportunity

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AAFB Exchange

Barrigada
Barrigada Heights Mobil
Dededo Shell Station
Guam Premier Outlets

Mangilao
Micronesia Mall
NEXCOM Bldg #20
NEXCOM Bldg #258

to change our government, to change the way things are being done, to change the voice of the people and to change our quality of life. The only question is, will the voters of the three challenges remain true to their conviction for change in leadership. Given the fact that many of the supporters of Heinz and Babauta have worked together before, hopefully there won't be many,

if any, mutinies to join IT. But the poetic justice about this is that the Democrats could actually be holding the swing votes as the new players in the game and we know true Democrats would never support a GOP candidate versus an independent, so IT should lose based on the facts and the numbers.

I'm still looking forward to being happy for us all in 2015 if we can just all stick together in the runoff. We have just proved in the general election that we are already one people with a majority for new leadership that will take us in a new and different direction to find real social, economic and political prosperity for us all. Stay united for change so we can be happy in 2015!

Ambrose M Bennett Kaaman, Saipan

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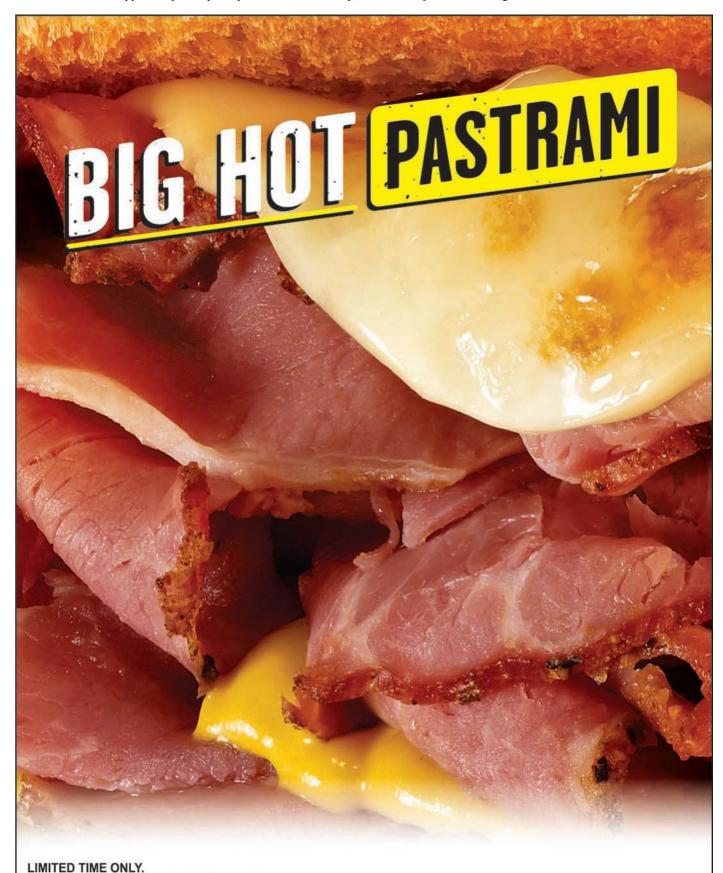
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Paseo de Marianas, Garapan

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Gualo Rai Chalan Piao

Sister Remedios hosts 7th annual walkathon

Saipan's oldest and most cherished early childhood school, Sr. Remedies Early Childhood Development Center, recently held its signature fundraising event with its 7th Annual Sr.

Remedies Walkathon. Despite the heavy rains that have hit the islands over the past month, blue skies opened up just in time for the walkathon on Oct. 25.

Sponsored by the school's

Parent-Teacher Association Council, the walkathon kicked off with Sr. Martha Ramarui leading over 100 students, parents, faculty, staff, and friends in prayer, giving praise and thanks to everyone and to God for bringing out the sun for the event.

After the one-mile walk, students snacked on fresh fruits and water, continuing to demonstrate the wholesome concept of the walkathon. Meanwhile, the grownups compared their raffle tickets with the many prizes listed for the winners. The grand prize, a live goat, was donated by a parent. The other prizes were donated by generous companies, families, and friends of the school.

The total amount collected was over \$7,000. The school ap-

preciates the following students for going above and beyond the call of duty by collecting the most in their respective class level: K-5: Joshua Benavente; K-4: Hunter C. Dela Cruz, and K-3: Landon Igisomar.

In closing the event, PTA Council chair Elaine Dela Cruz thanked all parents and students for making the 7th Annual Sr. Remedios Walkathon a big success. She also recognized the following donors: Juan S. Tenorio (Santiago), Oscar Babauta, J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, Pacific Islands Club, Pacific Trading Co., Herman's Modern Bakery, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Docomo Pacific Inc., Island Apparel, Sweet Escape, The Shack, National Office Supply, Stand Up Paddle Saipan, and Modern Stationary. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy birthday to our lovely daughter, Nikaella Tomokane! May God continue to bless you. I hope you have an amazing day. Keep smiling. God loves you. Always remember that we are just sinners, saved by grace through the blood of Jesus Christ. He is the only way to heaven and there is no other. Greetings come from your loving family.









Representatives from Ironwood Saipan and the CNMI government held a groundbreaking ceremony in Gualo Rai yesterday

More apartments for island's strong renter base now on the way

By DENNIS B. CHAN dennis_chan@saipantribune.com

Ironwood Saipan broke ground yesterday on an 80-unit apartment complex project in Gualo Rai that will bring solar-powered and modemized living arrangements to the area. The project is expected to be completed by Nov. 15, 2015.

John Hand, principal partner of the project and a founder of Ironwood in Guam, said his company is excited to bring housing to "one of the most beautiful place on earth."

Ironwood started building homes in Guam in 2005, he said. Now, after two years of hard work and tight schedules, Hand extended his thanks to the CNMI's public and private support in bringing Ironwood to Saipan.

"It took much longer than anyone had anticipated. Thank you for sticking by and seeing us through this," he said to the crowd of dignitaries, partners, and employees in the audience.

The 2-, 3-, and 4-bedroom apartments will feature solar-powered heaters, insulated walls and ceilings, low-emissivity windows, and energy efficient lighting. Ironwood estimates this would result in 70 percent utility savings for residents.

Hand said the energy efficient construction will help CNMI working families. "More of their paychecks will go to the essentials they need," he said.

Hand also hopes the tax revenue from the project will help the CNMI economy.

Along with 100 full-time jobs during construction, Ironwood is projected to raise \$2.5 million in tax revenues for the CNMI, according to Hand.

Three to four permanent onsite jobs will also be created once the apartments are complete, Hand said.

He said local businesses will benefit too as the housing will need pest control, insurance, ground maintenance, security, and air-conditioning appliances, among other things.

Ironwood, he said, hopes to bring a quality product to the island that will "stand the test of time and typhoon."

'Good renter base'

The project is financed by Low Income Housing Tax Credits granted by the Northern Marianas Housing Corp.

Jessie Palacios, corporate director of NMHC, said that about \$44 million of tax credits were invested in the project.

"Behind me will be a housing community that will enhance the aging house-stock" in the CNMI, he told the crowd.

As a project financed by LI-HTC, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development sets income limits for those who would be eligible for the housing.

A family of four, Palacios said, must be at or below 60 percent of these limits. In dollar terms, that's \$36,660 per year.

That would be wages equivalent to \$17 per hour, he said.

"This income threshold is not really low-income for Pacific island standards," he said.

But this means there are more families and individuals eligible to call Ironwood home, he said.

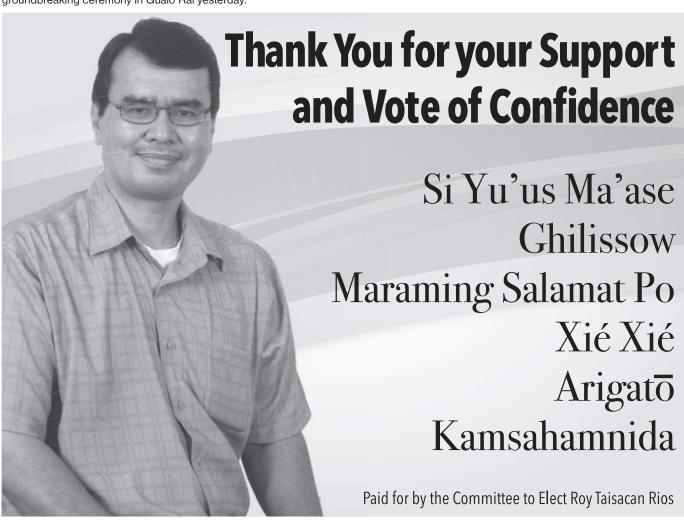
He called Saipan a "good renter base," with 10,500 of Saipan households being renters based on the 2010 Census. This is 72.9 percent of households, Palacios said.

On top of this base, he is sure foreign hotel workers for upcoming hotel projects on Saipan will also need homes.

He called the project "historic" as Goldman Sachs is one partner in the project.

He hopes this will bring other tax-credit investors to "look our way."

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider also spoke at the ceremony. He thanked Ironwood partners for expressing interest in the CNMI in their "quest to improve the economy."



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Incumbent Am. Samoa delegate loses re-election bid

PAGO PAGO, American Sa- is the first woman to be elected to moa (The Samoa News/PIR)— Aumua Amata has been elected to serve as American Samoa's non-voting delegate to the U.S. House, unseating longtime incumbent Eni Faleomavaega. She

represent American Samoa in the U.S. Congress.

A veteran campaigner for the delegate seat, Amata, a declared Republican, now joins the majority GOP-controlled U.S. House and the U.S. Senate following Tuesday's mid-term elections across the United States.

Amata's lead began with results from the polling stations in Manu'a, followed by the absentee ballots—which included local and off island ballots as well as Swains Islander voters, whose ballots were counted at the Election Office. Amata has dominated the Manu'a polls in the past several elections.

Of the 45 polling stations including the Election Office— Amata won in 33 of the polling stations and tied with Faleomavaega at one polling station.

Total votes counted in the delegate race stand at 10,246

with Amata getting 4306 (42 percent); Faleomavaega 31571 (30.8 percent); Togiola Tulafono 1,130 (11 percent); Mapu J. Jamias 652 6.47 percent); Meleagi Suitonu-Chapman 229 (2.2 percent); Tuika Tuika 201 (2 percent); Rosie Fualaau Tago Lancaster 268 (2.6 percent); Mark Ude 143 (1.4 percent);

and Tua'au Kereti Matautia Jr. 160 (1.6 percent).

Amata was at her campaign center at Pulu's guest fale in Pago Pago when the results were read out, but declined to comment at this time when asked by a Samoa News reporter at the scene. (Fili Sagapolutele)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Belated happy birthday greetings to Gia Katrina Manahan, who celebrated her 9th birthday on Nov 3,2014, at the Shirley's Coffe Shop and Restaurant in Susupe.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Happy birthday to our sweet little girl, Mahya Nicole, who turns 6 today! May God continue to shower you with His abundant blessings and embrace you with all His love. We love you, baby!

Due to popular demand, the hugely successful Sushi Bounty Japanese buffet at Double Eagle Restaurant is now open every Friday, according to Coral Ocean Point F&B manager Jerry Kintol.

Sushi Bounty used to be a once every-two-weeks affair at the restaurant. However, Kintol said since they were always full every government payday and customers have been asking to make it every Friday, Double Eagle had no choice but accede

COP's Sushi Bounty is now weekly

to the request earlier this month.

"So far so good. We've been getting a lot of compliments about our Sushi Bounty and I hope word goes out that we're not only every government payday but in fact the Japanese buffet is every Friday now."

Double Eagle offers seven to eight kinds of sushi masterfully prepared by well-known Japanese chef Lito Petonio and his crew.



MARK RABAGO

Sushi Bounty at Double Eagle Restaurant is now open every Friday.

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His usual spread for Sushi Bounty includes most manner of sushi like sake nigiri (salmon), tamogayaki (fried egg), ebi nigiri (cooked shrimp), hamachi (young yellowtail), tekkamaki (tuna thin roll), and everyone's favorite, California roll. Fresh tuna sashimi in a platter shaped like a galleon is also available.

On the viand side, chef Rey Bulaklak and his crew offer sumptuous Japanese dishes like the ever-popular shrimp tempura, Japanese beef curry, karaage (Japanese fried chicken), and shawanmushi (egg custard). Sushi Bounty also offers classic Japanese deserts like wasabi cake,

Japanese cheesecake, green tea cake, and assorted in-season fruits. The Japanese buffet also comes with iced tea, miso soup,

and several salad choices. The Sushi Bounty Japanese buffet at Double Eagle Restau-

rant is open every Friday from 11am to 2pm. It costs \$18 for adults and \$11.25 for children. It has seats for 100 guests. For reservations, call 234-7000 Ext. 623. (Saipan Tribune)





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Left to right: Peace Corps volunteers Katie Polus and Dan Parker, U.S. Ambassador Doria Rosen, Mason Fritz, Robert Reid, and Brian Rilev in Satowan.

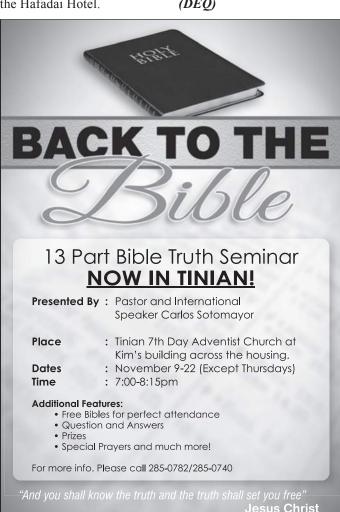
12 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged 12 Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Wing Beach, Tanapag Meeting Hall, Micro Beach, PauPau Beach, Central Repair Shop, Fiesta Resort, Hafadai Hotel drainage, Palms Resort, Puerto Rico dump, Samoa Housing, Aqua Resort Hotel, and the Hafadai Hotel.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)



US ambassador visits leaders in the Mortlocks

U.S. Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia Doria Rosen, along with Brian Riley, Peace Corps Inter-America and Pacific Region chief of operations, and Robert Reid, Peace Corps Country Director for FSM and the Philippines, visited the Mortlocks in Chuuk State, stopping at six islands in four days.

Travel to the islands required flying on a small prop plane to Ta, and then traveling across open ocean in a 21-foot skiff with a 40-horsepower outboard engine to the islands of Lekinioch, Oneop, Moch, Kuttu, and Satawan.

While on the islands they overnighted with local residents, visited Peace Corps volunteers, local schools, community and education leaders, and answered questions from the island residents.

Several of the islands had (U.S. Embassy Kolonia)

formal welcoming events drawing from the region.

with a town hall like opportunity for the villagers to ask the ambassador questions. There was considerable concern and misunderstanding about what they referred to as the "end of the Compact." The ambassador assured them that contrary to what they were voicing, the 2023 funding changes did not mean that the United States was terminating the agreement or with-Riley stated: "This visit was

helpful to understand the logistical and transportation challenges faced by Peace Corps Micronesia, and I was impressed by the resiliency of the volunteers and by the close relationships they formed with the peoples of the Mortlocks."

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amenities, handling purchase orders and inventory, and checking rooms daily for cleanliness, neatness, organization, and any damage. She also helps facilitate room and hotel inspections and filming or photographing at the hotel.

"My mom worked here back in the last 1980s. She was a cashier at the country club. Back then there was just the golf course and small cottages.

"When I first started working here I was just looking for a job, but later on, when I got used to it, I loved it! At first I worked at the front desk, meeting and

greeting people. After a few months, I was transferred to reservations, dealing with tour agents and customers for optional tours: spa, golf, restaurant, and Marianas Trekking. It made me feel good knowing that I made a reservation for guests and they were going out to enjoy themselves. As housekeeping assistant, now I check the rooms every day to make sure that when our guests

check in, their rooms are really neat and they feel welcomed and important.

Roquita Norita

Housekeeping Assistant, Mariana Resort & Spa

66 My mom worked here back in the late 1980s ... "99

a job, don't be picky. Whatever they offer, just grab it. You never know, maybe in the future step, step by In 2013 step, you can reach your goal or dream. I plan to Mariana Resort continue in the hotel industry. Every day is a challenge for me, and I enjoy the commu-& Spa and other nity here at Mariana Resort. HANMI member hotels

"I would say to young people, if it's your first time looking for

contributed over \$11-million in Hotel Occupancy Tax to the local economy.

Business

Toy makers' new darlings: tiny reviewers on YouTube

middle schooler with a punk rocker bob cut and big earrings. Tween siblings with a penchant for playing.

These are among the young power brokers who will determine the toys that will Evan be under Christmas trees this year.

At a time when toy sales have stagnated for years at \$22 billion, children who review toys on YouTube are wielding increasing influence. Toy makers are courting them for their

(AP)—A ability to connect with a gen- views from EvanTubeHD, snaggletooth eight-year-old. A eration that views the online

> video sharing service like baby boomers do HBO.

"Kids trust other kids more so than they would an adult," says Marc Rosenberg, a Chicagobased toy consultant. Leading the pack

of pint-sized YouTube personalities is Evan, 8, who has dimples and a few missing teeth. With over 1 billion views between his three channels, he's YouTube's most popular kid. He gets over 800 million where he reviews the toys.

EvanTubeHD, which features special effects thanks to his dad, Jared, who runs a video production company full-time, is known for telling kids how to play with toys. Evan speaks directly to them, with occasional cameos from his little sister and mom.

In a review of Angry Birds Space Softee Dough playset, Evan apologizes for a noticeable lisp: "Sorry if I'm talking a little funny today because I just lost my tooth." Later, after trying to bite an apple he attached toy "face pieces" to

and called "Angry Bird Fruit," he quips: "It's too hard to bite without a tooth."

Behind Evan are a few other young YouTube phenoms. Most of the children are identified by first name because their parents don't want to risk their safety:

■ Siblings Noah, 14, Jonah, 12, and Emma, 11 star in KittiesMama, which has nearly 400 million views. KittiesMama is a reality show that chronicles the kids' daily lives, including birthday parties. They also review toys and Emma shows kids how to look like characters from toy lines like My Little Pony.

up with her mother, Melissa, in "Mommy and Gracie," which has close to 90 million views. Gracie, a redhead who sometimes sports black glasses with rhinestones, searches for hard-to-find dolls with her mom. They've even traveled to Canada from their New Jersey home to find a Monster High doll.

■ RadioJH Audrey has over 60 million views. Audrey, 11, speaks to tweens, frequently saying "cool" and "awesome." She also streaks her bobbed hair in a rainbow of colors and wears big jewelry and studded tees. Audrey's trademark: reviewing

■ Gracie Hunter, 11, pairs mystery toy bags that are sold at places like Toys R Us.

Julie Krueger, industry director of retail at Google, which owns YouTube, says the channels have "huge followings of fans."

Toy makers—from Mattel to smaller ones-have noticed. In fact, Spin Master says Evan's reviews helped boost sales of its Spy Gear toys 65 percent this year. The private company declined to disclose sales numbers.

"It gives the item more widespread exposure," says Jim Silver, editor-in-chief and CEO of TTPM.com, a toy review website.

OPEC shaken by Saudi price move

showed little concern for fellow OPEC members by unilaterally cutting its oil prices to the U.S. this week, a move that casts doubts on the cartel's credibility and its ability to find a common plan to stabilize the slumping energy market.

And while OPEC struggles to find consensus, oil prices risk remaining low-or falling further—to the benefit of consumers and businesses in the U.S. and worldwide.

OPEC is already riven by differences among its members on what the ideal price level should be. That is exemplified in the rivalry between heavyweights Saudi Arabia, which can withstand lower prices, and Iran, which relies on a stronger market to remain profitable.

The Saudis' unexpected move on Monday to cut prices to the U.S., aimed at protect-

VIENNA (AP)—Saudi Arabia ing their market share there, will exacerbate those conflicts—weighing on the market and hurting most other OPEC members economically.

> "At the end of the day, this is still the Saudis' cartel for better or worse, and for smaller members this is definitely worse," says oil analyst Phil Flynn, alluding to the fact that despite OPEC's credo of consensus and unity, the organization is de-facto controlled by its top producer.

The prime motivator for the Saudis is to compete against U.S. shale oil. But John Hall, chairman at Alfa Energy, sees other benefits for the desert kingdom.

Russia, which competes with OPEC, is already hurting from low oil prices and Saudis are tightening the vise—"seizing the opportunity to reduce prices, hit Russia and hit Iran in one go," he says.



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UTILITY UPGRADE FOR ARFF VEHICLE RAPID REFILL (WATERLINE RELOCATION) PROJECT Project No. CPA-TA-001-14

to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, November 14, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island
 CM experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – 25
 Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA regulations and

4. Experience with National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) compliance and preparation of documentation including

environmental assessments, environmental impact statements and categorical exclusions – 15 points; 5. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the firm's

professional integrity and competence – 10 points; and 6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, NOVEMBER 21, 2014. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A

Woman abducted on Philadelphia street found safe

woman seen on surveillance video putting up a fight while being abducted off a Philadelphia street was found safe outside Baltimore on Wednesday, and the man who snatched her was arrested, police said. Carlesha Freeland-Gaither was spotted in Jessup, Maryland, with the man in a car with a broken-out back window and was rescued soon after, police said. The man, Delvin Barnes, was nabbed after he stepped out of the car, police said. Freeland-Gaither, 22, had some injuries but was generally doing OK, police said. There was no indication she and Barnes, who used to live in Philadelphia, knew each other.

Man sought after graphic photos posted online

SEATTLE (AP)—Police have found a car believed stolen by a man charged with killing his girlfriend, posting pictures of her body online and writing that he wanted authorities to find and kill him. Kitsap County sheriff's Deputy Scott Wilson in Washington state said police in Portland, Oregon, about 160 miles away, found the dead woman's car abandoned late

was no sign of Amber Lynn Coplin's live-in boyfriend, David Michael Kalac, 33, Wilson said. Portland police briefly chased the car early Wednesday. Kalac has been charged with seconddegree murder in the death.

Judge overturns Missouri ban on gay marriage

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A state judge overturned Missouri's constitutional ban on gay marriage Wednesday in a ruling that immediately set off a rush among some same-sex couples to apply for marriage licenses. St. Louis Circuit Judge Rex Burlison said in a written ruling that Missouri's measure recognizing marriage only between a man and woman violates the due process and equal protection rights of the U.S. Constitution. The decision mirrored ones handed down recently in several other states. Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster immediately appealed the ruling to the state Supreme Court.

Pot proponents look to California after victories

SEATTLE (AP)—Marijuana advocates, fresh off victories for legal recreational pot in Oregon, Alaska and the nation's capital, are already preparing for their next target, and it's a big one: California. They are aiming to ask voters in the nation's largest state to legalize marijuana for recreational use in 2016, hoping to draw on a more liberal and larger electorate during a presidential election to help them avoid a repeat of their 2010 failed pot measure. The victories in Oregon, Alaska and the District of Columbia came in a midterm election that saw a low turnout and a conservative electorate hand Republicans back control of the U.S. Senate for the first time since 2006.

Documents: Teen planned attack at Maryland school

MONKTON, Md. (AP)—A Maryland teenager told police he planned to use a stolen handgun to kill his parents, then drive to his high school and kill students and teachers as revenge for years of bullying he suffered, according to court documents released Wednesday. Sash Alexander Nemphos, 16, of Monkton, is charged as an adult, Baltimore County Police said in a tweet. The charges include possession of a destructive device, having a dangerous weapon on school property and theft, according to the probable cause documents. Nemphos was confronted Saturday by police over thefts from a car and business, includ-





INVITATION FOR BIDS **CUC-IFB-15-005**

W-4, W-5 AND W-6 SEWER LIFT STATION ELIMINATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of construction of a new lift station to replace the existing W-5 lift station; installation of new gravity sewer mains, including bar screen and odor control, from existing lift stations W-4 and W-6 to new lift station W-5 such that these existing lift stations and force mains can be replaced by gravity sewers; installation of force main from the new W-5 lift station to the nearby gravity sewer main, thereby eliminating existing sewer lift stations; installation of Owner-Furnished Contractor-Installed (OFCI) products; construction of a new generator building and appurtenances; demolition of two existing generator buildings and appurtenances; demolition and restoration existing minor structures and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on November 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-005, W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on December 2, 2014, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, eashier's check, or hid bond executed by a surety com ny holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be accounted pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Ouestions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2014 to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, Procurement & Supply, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org wi a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Junior Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

MANNY B. SABLAN Manager, Procurement & Supply Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



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INVITATION TO BID ITB15-GOV-001

Repainting of Public Facilities on Tinian

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Repaiting of Government Buildings in Tinian.

The project package will be available Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on October 23, 2014 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITBI5-GOV-001". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 6, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time November 6, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, and one opinical and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 6, 2014 and must be received no later than November 12, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m. Saipan local time, November 12, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 2:30 p.m. Saipan local time, on November 6, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract

Acceptable asset are only

- US Government Securities
 Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
 - Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director Procurement and Supply, DOF



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID ITB15-GOV-003

Renovation of DPS Administration and General Support Offices

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Renvoation of DPS Administration and General Support

The project package will be available Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

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All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 14, 2014 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB15-GOV-003 – Renovation of DPS Administration and General Support Offices". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 25, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time November 25, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 25, 2014 and the ITB documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive no later than December 9, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time. December 9. 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on 2014. However, if no November 25, 2014.

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Acceptable asset are only:

- US Government Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

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Procurement and Supply, DOF

Suspect in Hong Kong murder case called 'bully'

HONG KONG (AP)—A British man accused of slaying two Indonesian women in Hong Kong was described by acquaintances and fellow pub mates as a "bully" who would use his bulky body to push through crowds and help himself to others' drinks. One said he was making enormous amounts of money as a banker and felt pressured to make more.

However, none of them said they saw any sign that Rurik George Caton Jutting would explode in the kind of shocking violence he's now accused of committing.

Jutting, 29, is charged with murdering two young Indonesian women whose bodies were found in his 31st floor luxury apartment, one of them stuffed in a suitcase on his balcony, in a case that has transfixed the Asian financial center.

Allen Youngblood, an American jazz pianist who has lived in Hong Kong since 1992, said he regularly saw Jutting around the bars of Wan Chai, Hong Kong's red light district, where he was known as "Rick."

"He wanted to get two or three girls at the same time," Youngblood said Wednesday while sipping a vodka tonic at the British-themed bar Old China Hand. "He had a lot of money and used it on women. There are a lot of guys around here like that."

Steve Sayell, a British expoliceman, said he knew Jutting was "under a lot of pressure to make money" after sometimes speaking to him at the bar.

"They need a release," Sayell said of Jutting and other high-salaried foreigners in the neighborhood. "In the old days, you just drank a lot. Now a lot of people are resorting to recreational drugs."

The Filipino bartender, who would only identify herself as Lisa, called Jutting "a normal guy" but also "a bully."

"He was not a very violent person," she said. "But he would always come in here and drink other's people's drinks."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistan arrests 45 in killing of **Christian couple**

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Police in Pakistan say they have arrested as many as 45 Muslims in connection with the killing of a Christian couple for allegedly desecrating the Quran. Local police officer Mohammad Igbal says the arrests were made before dawn Wednesday in the town of Kot Radha Kishan in the eastern Punjab province. He says hundreds of Muslims took part in the attack on Tuesday, in which a mob killed the couple and burnt their bodies in a brick kiln where the man and his wife worked. He says the attackers accused the couple of desecrating the Quran.

Son, brothers of S. Korean ferry owner convicted

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)— A South Korean court convicted three relatives of the sunken ferry's owner and other associates for corruption on Wednesday, about four months after the tycoon was found dead on the run. The body of fugitive billionaire Yoo Byung-eun was discovered in rural South Korea in July after a weekslong manhunt. Authorities allege his corruption likely contributed to the ferry sinking in April that killed more than 300 people. They say Yoo controlled the ferry operator through a complex web of holding companies in which his children and close associates are large shareholders.

New Zealand mine owner won't retrieve 29 killed

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—The owners of a New Zealand coal mine where the bodies of 29 workers remain entombed after a methane-fueled explosion four years ago said Thursday they won't go back into the mine because it remains too dangerous. The announcement by state-owned company Solid Energy dashed the hopes of those who had sought to recover the remains of their loved ones from the Pike River mine, located on the South Island. Solid Energy Board Chairwoman Pip Dunphy said in a statement the company was unable to come up with a safe re-entry plan.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 15-01 United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands

ARCHITECT / PROJECT MANAGER

Location: SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)

Grade: CL-30, \$78,936 - \$97,657 starting pay depending on qualifications, plus 13.84% COLA Limited Term (18 to 24 Months) Full-Time. Must be able to start by February 2, 2015. Opening Date: Nov. 7, 2014 CLOSING DATE: Dec. 2, 2014

The Architect/Project Manager provides technical advice and project management for new courthouse construction. Assists the court in planning, design, oversight, coordination, and problem solving for all aspects of construction. Complete position description is available upon request, or via Internet at http://www.nmid.uscourts.gov. This position includes full federal employment benefits, with paid leave and holidays, health insurance, life insurance and federal retirement benefits.

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree from a U.S. Accredited Institution in architecture, interior design, engineering, planning, or similar disciplines. • Minimum of four years specialized experience in project management. • Thorough knowledge and understanding of concepts used by the various disciplines related to space project development, facility planning, architectural and interior design, and project management. • Thorough knowledge of and skill in using computer technology; excellent technical abilities in working with spreadsheets, databases, AutoCAD, and word processing. • Ability to read, analyze and interpret specifications, technical procedures, and governmental regulations. • Ability to effectively communicate by presenting and responding to input and guestions from peers, court managers, consultants, contractors, and judges, both verbal and written.

Citizenship Requirement:

Applicants are required to be U.S. citizens or aliens who are authorized to work in the U.S.

Excepted service appointments are "at will" and may be terminated by either the court or the employee at any time for any reason. Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation. Employees are subject to the Judicial Code of Conduct. Direct deposit of pay required.

<u>Application Procedure:</u>

Each applicant is required to submit a Cover Letter, Resume, and an AO-78 application form. A0-78 forms are on the Internet at: http://www.nmid.uscourts.gov or may be picked up at the U.S. District Court. Deadline for receipt of applications at the Clerk of Court office in Saipan is Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014.

Or, email signed applications to: <u>Deliver signed applications to:</u> **Clerk of Court** HR@nmid.uscourts.gov **United States District Court** for the Northern Mariana Islands 2nd Floor, Horiguchi Building, Garapan, Saipan

The United States District Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014 CLOSE DATE: November 21, 2014 SALARY:

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum of (2) years experience in accounting required. Proficient in Microsoft Excel highly preferred. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014 POSITIONS: Graphic Artist & Technical Support Specialist November 21, 2014 **CLOSE DATE:**

High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two years experience in computer/network maintenance field required; formal education/training in IT or Design related subjects highly preferred. One (1) Graphic Artist position and one (1) Technical Support Specialist is currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014 POSITION: Cook **CLOSE DATE:** SALARY: November 21, 2014 Negotiable

High school graduate or equivalent required. Two years of formal training/education in culinary arts required. Position may require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment. One (1) position is currently available.

POSITION: **CLOSE DATE:** November 21, 2014 SALARY:

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum of two (2) years of formal mechanical experience or mechanical training is required. Two years of experience in related field strongly preferred. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: POSITION: November 21, 2014 **CLOSE DATE:** SALARY: Minimum Wage

High school graduate or equivalent required. A valid Driver's License is required and must be 25 years old or older. Experience in a hotel environment preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. Two (2) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014 POSITION: **Guest Relations Officer** CLOSE DATE: SALARY: November 21, 2014 Minimum Wage

High school graduate or equivalent required. Proficiency in the Korean language is required. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: November 7, 2014 POSITION: Reservations Clerk CLOSE DATE:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in hotel reservations preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: POSITION: Lifeguard November 7, 2014 **CLOSE DATE:** November 21, 2014

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Obtaining a lifeguard certification will be required for continued employment. Must have a friendly and outgoing personality. One (1) position is currently available

POSITION: Kids College Attendant

CLOSE DATE: November 21, 2014 SALARY: Minimum Wage

Qualifications:

High school graduate or equivalent required. Must enjoy and be comfortable interacting with young children. Have a friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Team at (670) 234-5900 ext. 274/266/576. Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle/Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be accepted by the Security Office.

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World

Israeli police: Driver slams car into pedestrians

Hamas militant slammed a minivan into a crowd waiting for a train Wednesday in Jerusalem, killing one person and wounding 13. Hours later, the Israeli military said a Palestinian motorist drove into a group of soldiers in the West Bank, injuring three.

The incidents and a similar attack two weeks earlier raised concern that Israel could be facing a new type of threat. Police said they would put concrete barricades in front of train stations as a first step.

Police identified the van's driver—who was killed by police—as Ibrahim al-Akari, a 38-year-old Palestinian. His wife said he was angered by a

confrontation between police and Palestinians at the Al-Aqsa Mosque earlier in the day in which part of the shrine was damaged.

Hamas praised the van attack as a defense of the mosque, which is part of a complex in the city's most sensitive and sacred site—the compound known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and to Jews as the Temple Mount.

It was not clear how much damage there was at the mosque. Israeli police had dispersed dozens of masked Palestinians who threw rocks and firecrackers near the site in the Old City ahead of a visit by a group of Jewish activists.

Neighboring Jordan re-

called its ambassador to Israel for consultations in a strong protest of the police action at the site and filed a complaint to the U.N. Security Council. Under an arrangement with Israel, Jordan has custodial rights over Muslim holy sites in the Old City, which includes the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry condemned what he called "the terrorist attack in Jerusalem," and added that "the confrontation at the Al-Aqsa Mosque is also of particular concern."

"Holy sites should not become the sites of tension, and concrete steps need to be taken now by all sides to de-escalate this situation," Kerry said, noting that the U.S. was in touch with both Jordan and Israel and hoped that "all parties will draw back and reduce these tensions."

He spoke after meeting with Jordanian Foreign Minister





Nasser Judeh in Paris, where Kerry said they discussed the tensions across Jerusalem.

The developments raised fears of worsening violence after months of simmering

tensions in the holy city and injected new religious fervor into a wave of unrest fueled by failed peace efforts and stepped-up Jewish settlement construction.



Israeli fire fighters inspect the scene of an attack in Jerusalem, Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014.

WORLD BRIEFS

Pope mulls removing marriage annulment charges

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis on Wednesday denounced the hardships Catholics can face when seeking marriage annulments, revealing he once fired an official who tried to charge thousands of dollars for one. Francis told participants at a Vatican course for officials dealing with annulments that as bishop of Buenos Aires, he was dismayed to learn that some faithful needed to travel hundreds of kilometers (miles) and lose days of work to reach church tribunals. He also recalled sacking an unidentified church tribunal official, possibly a lawyer, who told someone: ''Give me \$10,000 and I'll take care" of the annulment process. "One must be careful that the procedures don't become a business," Francis said.

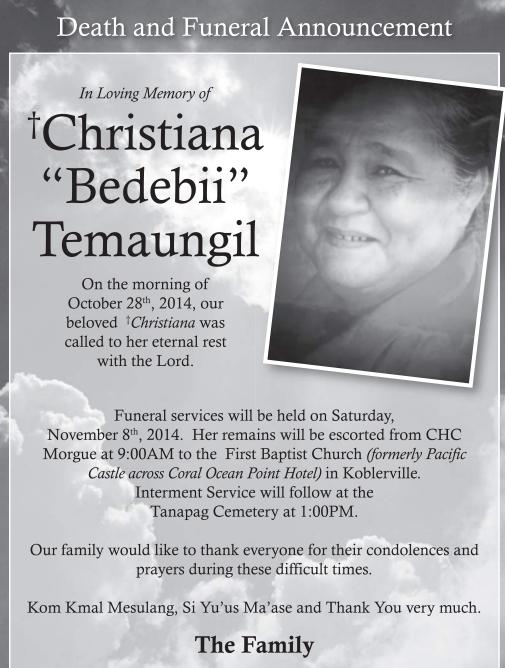
Protesters demand Mexico find 43 missing students

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Tens of thousands of people marched down Mexico City's main boulevard Wednesday evening to protest the disappearance of 43 young people in the south of the country and demand the government find them.

The largely young crowd carried Mexican flags with black mourning bands replacing the red and green stripes, counting off the numbers from one to 43. Protesters also chanted: "They took them away alive, and alive we want them back." In Chilpancingo, the capital of Guerrero state, groups of protesters angry about the government's inability to find the missing used hijacked trucks to block all three highways leading into the city for several hours.

Amid Ebola disaster, WHO picks new Africa chief

COTONOU, Benin (AP)— With nearly 5,000 dead of Ebola in West Africa, the World Health Organization elected a new director Wednesday of its Africa office, which has been accused of bungling the response to the outbreak in its early stages. The new chief, Matshidiso Moeti, is a doctor from Botswana and a WHO veteran who stepped down as deputy director for Africa in March, the same month the crisis was announced. The results of the five-candidate election were made public at a meeting of the U.N. agency in Benin and came amid the worst outbreak of the dreaded disease ever seen.





Off The Wall



DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

JESUS TAITANO ALDAN

fondly known as "Uncle Chu" Born: July 31, 1949 • Death: November 5, 2014

In his new life, Jesus will be met at the gates of heaven by his

Parents: **Reared Parents:**

Jesus Aguon Aldan & Rosa Ilo Taitano Aldan Vicente Matagolai & Isabel Taitano Olupomar

Parents In-Law:

Juan Villagomez Benavente & Rita Cepeda Benavente

Sister In-Laws:

Brothers & Sisters: Maria Taitano, Daniel Taitano, Teodoru Taitano, Cornelio T. Castro, Ferrmina C. Palacios, Joaquin

T. Aldan, David T. Aldan & Juan T. Aldan

Sylveria B. Mendiola, Dolores B. Salas

& Maria N. Aldan

Brother In-Laws: Jacinto B. Mendiola, Jose DLG. Sablan,

Modesto A. Salas, Luis C. Benavente

His Loving memories will forever live in the hearts of his

Wife:

Teresita Benavente Aldan

Children:

Nerissa C. Benavente (Jaeleen Naomi)

Jesse (Kaching) & Ignatia C. Aldan (Colleen

Joyce/Ben, John Gregory, John Anthony, Tiana Rose & Jesse John (Champ)

Erica & Philip M. Camacho

Jason Aldan & Christie Sablan (Caleb John)

Reared Son: Keiji & Nagisa Takeda (Keala Roxy & Nalani Aiko)

BROTHERS/SISTERS and SPOUSES:

Joaquina V. Castro Francisco Palacios "Dino" Jose & Margarita Castro Escolastica & Francisco Agulto Juliana & Juan Cabrera Vicente & Dolores Aldan Augustin & Olivia Aldan

BROTHERS/SISTERS-IN-LAW and SPOUSES:

Maria B. Sablan Trinidad B. Cameron Fernando & Lorna Benavente Ignacios & Evelyn S. Benavente Katherine S. Benavente Roman & Andrea Benavente Nathania Maui

Numerous aunts, uncles, cousin, nieces, nepbew and friends will also miss bim dearly.

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00pm followed by Rosary at 7:00pm at St. Jude Church and will continue until November 14, 2014. For November 08, mass will be offered at 7:00am and rosary at 7:00pm and on November 09, mass will be at 10:00am and rosary at 7:00pm.

On Saturday, November 15, 2014 he will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral for Responso, followed by Rosary and viewing.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by interment service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts, prayers, support and words of comfort are sincerely appreciated.

Teresita (Terry) B. Aldan and Children

Visitors take photos of the panda triplet cubs in the Chimelong Safari Park in Guangzhou in south China's Guangdong province Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014.

100-day-old panda cubs each 11 pounds with 2 teeth

only surviving giant panda triplets were doing well as they turned 100 days old Wednesday.

Each weighs more than 5 kilograms (11 pounds), up from just over 100 grams at birth. They started teething at around 80 days old and have two small teeth each.

The cubs were born on July 29 within four hours, the female cub first and then her brothers.

Physical exams show the cubs' health to be ideal, said Dong Guixin, general manager of Chimelong Safari Park in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong province.

Starting Wednesday, the cubs

BEIJING (AP)—The world's will be displayed to visitors for limited times.

> The cubs are also taking turns living with their mother for fiveday cycles.

> "It is imperative to help the triplets form a good relationship with their mother and keep them in close contact. We hope that they can live together if the cubs grow healthily," Dong said.

> According to the park, four births of panda triplets have been recorded, but in each of the previous instances, at least one died due to physical defects or being underweight.

> The cubs haven't been named, but the park is seeking suggestions from the public.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

NY troopers arrest man for trying to eat DWI test

PORT CHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—A 40-year-old man is facing multiple charges after New York state police say he tried to eat his DWI test results. Troopers say Kenneth Desormes, of Greenwich, Connecticut, was stopped for speeding on Interstate 95 at 5:30 a.m. Sunday. After speaking with him, the troopers determined he was intoxicated and arrested him. Desormes was transported to the state police barracks in Tarrytown to be processed. Troopers say when his breathalyzer tests results were printing, Desormes grabbed the paperwork and tried to eat it. Desormes is charged with driving while intoxicated, obstructing governmental administration, and criminal tampering.

NYC worker suspended for using 'robotic voice'

NEW YORK (AP)—If some workplace problems happen because employees are only human, one New York City government worker got in trouble for virtually the opposite. He was suspended for 20 days without pay partly for answering an information-technology help line "in a robotic voice." The city Civil Service Commission upheld the suspension this month. An administrative law judge's report says the Health Department worker told callers "you have reached the help desk" in an over-enunciated monotone. Callers complained and one even hung up, later saying she needed "to speak to a human."

Los Angeles Zoo sees first hippo birth in 26 years

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The euro (\$175) fine.

Los Angeles Zoo has received a real treat for Halloweenthe birth of its first hippopotamus in 26 years. It was a bit of trick, too, because the mother was on birth control. The zoo says the baby was born Friday. It was somewhat of a surprise, but staffers had noticed the mother hippo gained weight, which made them suspect she was pregnant. Vets haven't determined the sex of the new hippo. But they say the baby appears to be doing well and is bonding with mom. The mother, 10-year-old Mara, came to the zoo in December from Topeka, Kansas. The father is a 3-year-old named Adhama, who arrived from the San Diego Zoo last year.

Dutch to public: Don't pee on the royal palace

AMSTERDAM (AP)—If you're caught short on Amsterdam's historic Dam Square, the Dutch government has a message for you: Don't pee on the palace. The Dutch royal family uses the stately Royal Palace in downtown Amsterdam as a working palace, not a residence. But the building's dark arches provide a favored spot for urination, often at night, out of sight of police who regularly patrol the palace vicinity. After a multimillion-euro renovation ended in late 2011, people began urinating against the palace's sandstone facade. That prompted authorities to put up a fence. But the Interior Ministry on Wednesday called the fence "unworthy" of the historic location. It is now installing lights and movement sensors to deter people from relieving themselves. The government also warned that peeing in public is punishable by a 140SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2014 **23**

Science & Technology

Amazon amps up Prime with unlimited photo storage

SEATTLE (The Seattle Times)—Amazon is amping up one of the most potent weapons in its competitive arsenal, adding unlimited online photo storage to its Prime subscription service.

Prime members, who pay \$99 a year for the service, which includes two-day shipping on more than 20 million items, can now store every digital image they have in any size on Amazon Cloud Drive for no additional cost.

Prime Photos is the latest benefit of Prime, which also includes a Netflix-like video-streaming service and a lending library of more than 500,000 books for Amazon's Kindle e-reader.

The offerings are turning Prime, which debuted in 2005 as a two-day shipping service, into "the gateway" to a host of Amazon services that customers use daily, said Greg Greeley, Amazon Prime vice president.

Amazon has never disclosed the number of Prime members, but RBC Capital Markets analyst Mark Mahaney has placed it at 40 million to 50 million.

Amazon continues to add benefits for a simple reason: Prime subscribers spend more money—Mahaney estimates as much as 2.3 times more—than non-Prime customers. They often want to maximize the \$99 membership fee by using the service frequently. The more benefits Amazon can add to Prime, the more revenue Prime membership is likely to generate.

"Our customers have a voracious appetite," Greeley said. "People are thinking about Prime for their daily needs."

AMAZON PRIME BENEFITS

Amazon Prime subscribers spend more money and shop more often than Amazon's non-Prime shoppers. That's why Amazon continues to add more benefits to lure more members. Here are some of the offerings that the \$99 annual fee gets:

- Two-day shipping
- Streaming movies and television programs through Prime Instant Video
- E-book borrowing for Kindle owners
- Streaming music from a catalog of more than 1 million songs

Source: Amazon

Adding unlimited photo storage, a service Amazon is launching Tuesday, gives customers yet another reason to spring for the membership fee and then rationalize that expense by increasing their shopping on the site.

Greeley said he expects new subscribers to "try the photo storage and stay for the shipping."

Among Amazon's largest rivals, only Microsoft offers unlimited online photo storage, along with other types of digital files such as documents and spreadsheets as well as videos and music. Microsoft unveiled the new offering last month for customers of its Office 365 service, which starts at \$69.99 a year

for personal use. It is beginning to roll out the unlimited storage to customers.

Yahoo's Flickr photo service comes close to a free, unlimited digital vault, offering 1 terabyte of storage, more space than most customers will ever need.

Unlike many of the other photo-storage services, Prime Photos won't limit the size of individual photos. It will let customers store pictures in the Raw format that many professional photographers favor.

And customers using a desktop application will be able to download pictures to their PCs from Prime Photos in batches, not just individually. A Mac version is "coming soon," according to an Amazon spokeswoman.

Emojis may expand skin color options

color options for emojis may get the thumbs up from those calling for more diversity in

the icons.

Emojis are carpictotoon-like grams—such as faces smiley hearts—that become popular in texts and online chats to express emotion.

Unicode Consortium, the nonprofit organization that sets

A proposal to expand the skin the standards for these pictograms, said in a proposal that is considering adding five new

> skin colors. The default emoji face was designed to be generic, but Unicode says users been clamoring for changes to better reflect global diversity.

The proposal is still under review but could lead to changes for many users as many operating systems are based on Unicode standards. (AP)

TECH Q & A

Data rescue is costly if drive fails

By STEVE ALEXANDER STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I want to recover my photos from a 2-terabyte (2,000 gigabyte) PC hard drive that isn't working properly. I can't do it myself because of a mechanical problem with the drive, but a repair shop wants to charge me \$1,000. Is that the average price for a drive of this capacity?

A: That's within the range of what others charge for a drive that's physically damaged, which adds to the cost of retrieving its data.

Best Buy's Geek Squad would charge you \$1,450 or more to recover data from a drive that's physically damaged (see tinyurl.com/ kcouuac). Some repair shops

charge \$1 per gigabyte to retrieve stored data, regardless of the drive's condition, which would cost you \$2,000. A few online shops charge \$300 to \$400 plus drive shipping costs (see tinyurl.com/mnvg8mw).

The high cost of retrieving your photos is why PC hard drives should be backed up often.

Q: After I installed some Windows Vista updates in mid-October, I couldn't connect to Facebook using Internet Explorer, and a couple of other programs quit working. What can I do?

A: Your problem may be related to some security updates Microsoft made to Windows and Internet Explorer in mid-October. The updates followed

news reports that Russian hackers had tapped into Windows to spy on Western governments (see the New York Times story at tinyurl.com/ozak9av). Here are some things you can try:

■ Open Internet Explorer, go to "Tools (the gear wheel)," select "Internet Options," and click the "Advanced" tab. Then click the button under "Reset Internet Explorer Settings."

■ If that doesn't work, download the latest version of Internet Explorer (tinyurl.com/a733ys7), and reload the other programs that aren't working.

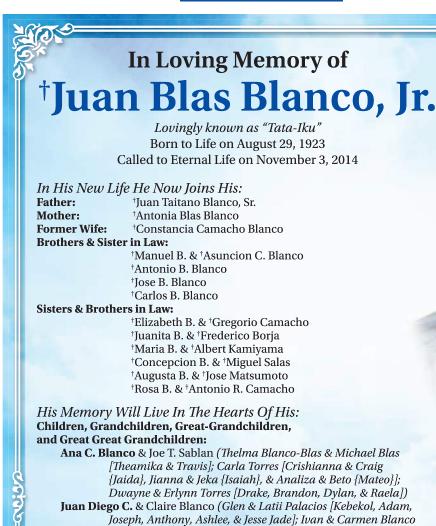
> ■ If that doesn't fix it, run the free Malwarebytes security program (tinyurl.com/kyn6x2e) to catch any viruses.

Q: When I used Windows XP, I could easily move, copy, and edit images. **But I can't find the equivalent** functions in Windows 7. Can you help?

A: To copy a photo, right-click it and select "copy" from the menu; then go to the file folder where you'd like to put the picture, right-click and select "paste."

To move a photo, open Windows Explorer to the photo's location, hold down the left mouse button on the photo, drag the picture from one folder to another, then release the mouse button.

To edit a photo, download Google's free Picasa at tinyurl. com/kqxkhzl or Microsoft's free Photo Gallery, which is part of Windows Essentials at tinyurl.com/lug2nvd.



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He is additionally survived by numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, family and friends. Daily rosary is prayed at 7:00pm at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

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His remains will be escorted from CHC chapel to Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:30am on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by a interment at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your presence and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase from the Family

Life & Style

Bryan wins top award, Lambert shines at CMAs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)— Miranda Lambert was the reigning queen of Wednesday's Country Music Association Awards, but Luke Bryan marked a long-earned breakthrough by winning entertainer of the year.

The win was Bryan's first CMA, despite his multiple hits, top-selling albums and topgrossing tours.

"Well, first of all, I never met Garth. Hey Garth," Bryan said, hugging the legend, who presented the top award.

"I hope I can have enough time to say everything that's on my mind," an emotional Bryan said, thanking God, his fans, and his teary-eyed wife in the audience at the Bridgestone Arena. "I have some angels in heaven, my brother and sister are making this night possible for me."

Wednesday night marked a breakthrough for Bryan, who was also snubbed at the recent Grammy Awards.

Still, Lambert, who was nominated in nine categories, was the night's big winner: The Hayes; George Strait and Eric fiery singer took home four trophies, including album of the year for "Platinum" and single of the year for "Automatic." She stole the night with fashion choices that were winners, too, and performances. She sang twice onstage, including a country-tinged version of "All About That Bass" with breakthrough singer Meghan Trainor, where Shelton looked up and bopped his head.

Lambert won her fifth consecutive female vocalist of the year, and Shelton repeated the record for male vocalist of the

"Let me just say that before I say, I really thought Luke was going to win this," he said. "This means so much to me ... this is a big night for my family."

The night featured a number of collaborative performances: Shelton sang with Ashley Monroe; the Doobie Brothers performed with Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott, Jennifer Nettles and Hunter

Church performed "Cowboys Like Us"; and pop diva Ariana Grande sported a mini top and skirt as she sang the hit "Bang Bang" alongside Little Big Town, who won vocal group of the year.

But the night's best collaboration was Carrie Underwood and Brad Paisley. The white-hot duo, hosting the CMAs for a seventh time, earned laugh after laugh for jokes that ranged from Ebola to Taylor Swift to Underwood's baby bump.

Swift's switch to pop from country was referred to as "Postpartum Taylor Swift Disorder," or PPTSD.

"President Barack Obama doesn't care about PPTSD!" Paisley velled. Underwood chimed in with: "I'm pretty sure it's why the democrats lost the senate."

Underwood and Paisley sang a version of Dolly Parton's "Jolene." calling it "Ouarantine." Paisley also earned roaring laughter when he noted that the ABC series "Black-ish,"



Luke Bryan accepts the award for entertainer of the year onstage at the 48th annual CMA Awards at the Bridgestone Arena on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014, in Nashville, Tenn.

which airs Wednesdays, would not be on because of the CMAs.

"If you were expecting to see the show 'Black-ish,' this ain't it ... I hope you're enjoying 'White-ish," he said.

The song of the year went to Musgraves, who won for "Follow Your Arrow," which she co-wrote with Brandy Clark, who is openly gay and was among the contenders for new artist of the year.

"Oh my goodness! Do you guys realize what this means for country music?" Musgraves said, as Clark and songwriter Shane McAnally stood behind her. "Our genre was built on simple good songs about real life and that's what this was."

Vince Gill earned the Irving Waugh Award of Excellence, while Dierks Bentley's "Drunk On a Plane" won music video of the year, Florida Georgia Line won vocal duo of the year for a second time and Brett Eldredge was named new artist of the year.

Steve Wynn bets 'ShowStoppers' show will wow Strip

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Steve Wynn has had his fill of Cirque du Soleil and thinks Las Vegas visitors have, too.

That's why, he said, his new show dubbed "ShowStoppers," will be different.

"We can't just surrender to Cirque du Soleil," said the casino-hotel developer and billionaire.

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stand of that stuff. Jumping, popping, swinging. I mean, enough already," Wynn said, not entirely seriously.

After all, he brought the swinging and the popping to Vegas in the early 1990s by building Wynn the first permanent the-

atrical home for one of Cirque's shows at the Treasure Island resort. He benefited along with several other casino-hotels that host Cirque shows on the Strip at any given time. Plus, Cirque's founder is a personal friend, he said.

But the man who invited Siegfried & Roy on a Las Vegas stage and introduced the Strip to Cirque's acrobatics is set on presenting the one thing he says the entertainment capital has lacked: Broadway, in a way that can't be seen anywhere else.

"Give 'em the old razzle dazzle ..." Wynn sang softly in a deep, gravely baritone in his office at the Wynn during a recent interview with The Associated Press.

His "ShowStoppers" will take 20 of Broadway's most memorable songs, a list likely to rotate as producers see fit, and present them in a way that explains what sets them apart. including the number from "Chicago" he hummed.

Wynn stressed the simplicity of a single powerful voiceno gimmicks, no technological support, no place to hide- when he talks about the allure of the



\$90 each and go on sale Thursday. Shows in the 1,480seat Encore theater begin Dec. 16.

Wynn says the show—its 34 dancers and singers and 30-piece orchestra plus costumes and sets-will cost him \$10 million, a bargain compared to the \$100 million to \$200 million it can cost to retrofit a theater for an elaborate Cirque du Soleil production, he said.

The 72-year-old casino-hotel developer said it's not a show for the 20-year-olds but rather a 40-plus crowd.

A show that could have been for the younger-set, "Spider-man Turn off the Dark," was long-rumored to be the next show to grace the Encore stage after country music star Garth Brooks' residency ended a year ago. The rumors were only fueled by the involvement of that production's director, Phil McKinley, in VIP-attended birthday show Wynn hosted for his wife Andrea that eventually inspired "Show-Stoppers."

Wynn said Spider-man was never in the cards.

"I'm not looking for the next Broadway show I can put here while it tours America," he said. "We've got to do our own thing here."



"I promise that if you get into it, if you tap into it, it's gonna make your life better," she says.

her fans: Learn to love

yourself first.

The actress, singer, producer sat down for an interview about "True Love," her new book that was originally intended to be a piece of memorabilia about the 2012 Dance Again World Tour that she embarked on in the wake of her split from husband Marc Anthony.

But then it became much more.

"It became so evident that my songs were so autobiographical of what had happened in my life all along the way, not just the story of my relationships but the story of my career. ... and then love was a big part of it as well."

Lopez, 45, recently kicked off her heels, got comfy on a couch, and opened up about her own journey to self-acceptance.

Associated Press: You say early in the book that this is not a tell-all.

Lopez: I don't feel that it's my responsibility as a public person to share all the intimate details of my relationships. ... I do feel as an artist it's my responsibil-



needed to work on, you write about really committing to that and put in time to change your way of thinking.

ity to bare my soul,

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That's what this book

AP: Once you re-

alized things you

Lopez: We all have our stuff from when we're little that we have to work out. ... You kind of have to get into the gooey stuff and pull it out and look at it and get rid of it.

AP: You also write about having confidence issues.

Lopez: Being successful caused me to have some low self-esteem issues. When you hear negative stuff about yourself that becomes the mantra that's in your head—'You're not good enough; You're not a good enough actress, performer, person, you want candles in your room'—things that aren't true!' It's the tape that plays in your head that's dangerous and what you want to do is reprogram that tape.

AP: Does being called 'The **Most Beautiful Person in the** World' make you feel like you need to always be on your

Lopez: (Laughs) No, I don't take it all that seriously. I take it for as flattering as it is and exactly like it's gonna be tomorrow's trash. I don't let that feed my ego in the way that some people could. I don't drink my own Kool-Aid.

AP: Are you gun shy now about having a relationship in the public eve?

Lopez: For right now I just kind of want to be on my own and have friends and get to know ... Jennifer and what she wants and love her before I can love somebody else. And if somebody comes along, they can add to that happiness.

AP: It can be fun to be single and not looking.

Lopez: Yeah! And you just like shut it down. You realize, 'I have a lot of time for other stuff! What should I do?' And you start appreciating things around you because you put so much energy in, 'Is that text coming in? What's he doing? Is so-andso gonna call? What do we do this weekend?' Instead of being like, 'What do I want to do this weekend?' ... It just opens you up. It's a good thing.

AP: Would you marry again? **Lopez:** I would if it was right. I think that standard is just a tiny bit different because of me, not because of the people I was with. But for me.

Manet fetches record \$65M at NYC auction

NEW YORK (AP)—A celebrated portrait of a Parisian actress by Edouard Manet set a new auction record for the artist during the second day of a major fall sale of impressionist and

"Spring" was sold at Christie's Wednesday evening for \$65 million, almost doubling the previous record of \$33.2 million for the French impressionist.

"Spring" is considered a Manet masterpiece. It was first presented at the 1882 Paris Salon and depicts actress Jeanne Demarsy in a floral dress and bonnet as an evocation of spring.

Manet had intended allegorical works of the four seasons but only completed "Spring" and "Autumn." One of the leading artists of the impressionist movement famous for his portraits and scenes from everyday life, Manet died in 1883 at 51.

"Spring" has been in the same American collection for over a century and has been on loan at the National Gallery of Art for the last two decades.

The first owner was Manet's friend, the journalist Antonin Proust. It later was in the collections of the operatic baritone and important impressionist



This undated file photo provided by Christie's shows French Impressionist Edouard Manet's "Spring," which could set a new record for the artist when it is auctioned on Nov. 5, 2014, by Christie's in New York.

collector J.B Faure and French art dealer Paul Durand-Ruel, who sold it to a private collector in 1909, where it remained.

Christie's said Wednesday's sale brought in over \$165 million. Prices include the buyer's premium.

Proceeds will benefit a private American foundation that supports environmental, public health and other causes.

On Thursday, Christie's is featuring property of Academy Award-winning actress Joan Fontaine, including a 1935 painting by Marc Chagall, "Vase of Flowers in the Window," which could fetch up to \$600,000.

The auction season kicked off Tuesday at Sotheby's with "Chariot," an important 1951 bronze sculpture by Alberto Giacometti fetching \$101 million. The price almost broke the \$104.3 million record for the Swiss artist.

Also on Tuesday, a major work by Vincent van Gogh painted in 1890 weeks before his death sold for \$61.8 million. "Still Life, Vase With Daisies and Poppies" had been expected to fetch between \$30 million and \$50 million. The auction record for a van Gogh is \$82.5 million.

Blatt, said he expected his client

to be exonerated in the case and

looks forward to presenting it to

Knight has prior felony con-

victions for armed robbery and

for assaulting two rap entertain-

ers at a Hollywood recording

David Chase intrigued by 'Sopranos' prequel idea

NEW YORK (AP)—The idea of a prequel to "The Sopranos" intrigues series creator David Chase, but if that were to happen, he envisions it as atypical.

The 69-year old show runner says he wouldn't mind exploring the era before the show began.

"Even if I did it, it wouldn't be 'The Sopranos' that was on the air—obviously at least one person is gone that we would need," he says. "There are a couple of eras that would be interesting for me to talk about, about Newark, New Jersey. One would be (the) late '60s, early '70s, about all the racial animosity, or the beginning, the really true beginning of the flood of drugs.

For now, he is promoting the release of the entire series on Blu-ray.

Chase sat down with The Associated Press to discuss the groundbreaking HBO series, the hype that followed and the finale's still-debated ending.

AP: How did you deal with the criticism that followed after the show's initial success?

Chase: The first season was made, completely shot-written, shot and edited before any of the public ever saw it, so it existed in this little time capsule of its own with no reaction whatsoever. So when that hit the media, it blew up. I tried to retain that attitude that we were just out there in Queens making the show and it didn't matter. ... After a while when it became very successful, you just start to go '... I'm going to do what I want.' Why not? How often does anyone get this opportunity, so use it. Some people would tell you, 'They went off on tangents.' I could have care less about it.

AP: Was Steven Van Zandt considered to play Tony So-

Chase: Stevie was one of the people that read for it and that would have been a totally different show. Could have been a very good show, too, I think, but funnier and sillier. ... But for all the reasons that I'm sitting here today, a lot of that has to do with Jim (Gandolfini) and his natural abilities and inclinations.

AP: Was there emphasis to treat the violence with shock value, you know, like Ralphie Cifaretto's head in a bowling bag?

Chase: A lot of it is like a ghastly joke. The things you're bringing up, the bowling ball bag, that's not shocking, it's just ghastly and it's stupidly funny. ... This was a mob war and it was idiotic the whole reason for it. And I know the other thing about it was that Tony was very happy when it came time to bury the head. And he was enjoying working that tractor, that bucket loader. That's when I liked best was the absurdity of all that. He was enjoying himself up there.

AP: Did you know in advance the finale's black ending would create such a controversy?

Chase: Obviously you can't think about memory before it all happens. I'm really glad I had the creative freedom to do what I wanted to do. I wasn't even questioned about it by

AP: Are series finales overhyped?

Chase: Most of my TV career, and still happening now, shows ended because somebody got a phone call saying, 'You're canceled,' and that was that. You had to write an ending and that never even occurred to people. It's over. ... On some level now, I feel this ending thing has been overblown.

Suge Knight pleads not guilty in robbery case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Suge Knight has pleaded not guilty to a robbery charge filed over an incident in which a celebrity photographer accused the Death Row Records founder of stealing

Knight, 49, appeared in a Los Angeles courtroom Wednesday and had his bail set at \$500,000. He was arrested in Las Vegas last week and fell while in jail,

and his attorneys said he bruised his head and neck.

Knight and comedian Katt Williams were charged with robbery Oct. 29. Both are charged with taking the photogra-

pher's camera in Beverly Hills in films such as "First Sunday" on Sept. 5. Police say they are still investigating the incident.



Knight

scheduled to be arraigned in the case on Dec. 24 and faces up to seven years behind bars if convicted. The comedian has starred in several comedy specials and appeared

and "Friday After Next."

assault with a gun. He pleaded no contest in 1995 and was sentenced to five years' probation

a jury.

Knight's attorney, James

studio in 1992. DC drummer accused of trying to procure murder

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—The drummer for rock band AC/DC has been charged in New Zealand with attempting to procure murder.

Phil Rudd on Thursday made a brief appearance at the Tauranga District Court before being released on bail.

The 60-year-old has also been charged with threatening to kill and possession of methamphetamine and marijuana.

One of his bail conditions is

that he must not have any contact with anyone involved in the alleged plot.

Neither Rudd's lawyer nor a publicist for the band could be immediately reached for comment.

Court staff say Rudd is due

to make a second appearance Nov. 27, although that date could change.

Rudd and the other members of AC/DC were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Territorial dispute develops after daughter goes to college

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for eight years. We have no children of our own, but he has an 18-year-old daughter from a previous relationship who has been coming over every other weekend and holidays since she was 10. Even though she lives with her mother, she has a dedicated room that's packed to the gills with her clothes, games, toys, etc.

I would like to repurpose her room now that she is off to college. My husband says no. We don't have a guest bedroom, so I feel strongly that it makes no sense to keep her room intact when we could use the extra space. I have made many sacrifices as a stepmother over the years, and feel I deserve to finally stretch out a bit and enjoy the extra space. By the way, all the furniture in her room happens to be mine, and her room used to be my guest room before we got married.

My friends agree with me, but my husband says he needs "time to adjust." I'm really upset and would like an objective opinion. AM I being unreasonable or asking too much too soon?

FRUSTRATED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: If you want peace and tranquility under your roof, my advice is to slow down and don't jump the gun. Your husband appears to be suffering from a form of empty nest anxiety right now. Let this play out for another vear or two, so he can see how little his daughter will be using

that room. It would also be better for her not to feel that the minute she left town you dismantled "her" room. If you'll be patient, and trust me on this, you'll look like a saint. If you don't, you may come across as heavy-handed and be labeled a wicked stepmother.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are friendly with our neighbors. We're all smokers, but they don't smoke inside and we do.

It seems like they have decided that coming to our house EV-ERY DAY to hang out is acceptable, which normally wouldn't be a problem. But they come in, sit on our couch and don't say a word to us. Their eyes are glued to their tablets or cellphones instead. They respond to our attempts at conversation with grunts, never looking up from their entertainment. They'll stay for an hour or so, then leave.

I have the feeling they're using our house as a "smoking room" so they won't have to stand in the cold or be away from their entertainment. My husband is going to say something soon because he's not happy and our "hints" haven't been acknowledged. Is this as rude as I think it is?

PUFFING MAD IN MAINE

DEAR PUFFING MAD: Yes, it is. Although you and your

DEAR ABBY

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neighbors are all smokers, it appears you have little else in common. You say your husband is going to say something "soon." I recommend he speak up the next time these people show up and "suggest" that they leave their electronic devices at home. What boors!

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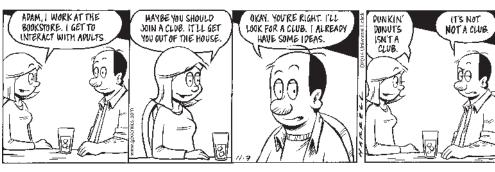
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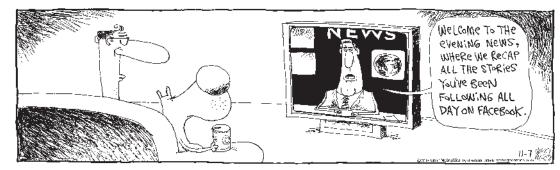
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Indecisiveness or inconsistency will lead to trouble. Try not to change your mind too much when dealing with colleagues, loved ones or partners. Try to make small personal improvements that will make you feel and look good. •••

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make plans for two if you are in a relationship, or join a group that is conducive to meeting someone special. Love is on the rise, and fun should be your main objective. A short trip will be exhilarating, so start planning now.

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By Dave Green

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Lawyer: A-Rod admitted steroids use to DEA



University of Miami's former pitching coach said Wednesday that Alex Rodriguez admitted to federal investigators he used steroids supplied by the owner of a now-closed South Florida clinic.

Attorney Frank Quintero Jr., who represents Lazaro "Laser" Collazo in his defense against charges of conspiracy to distribute performance-enhancing drugs, told The Associated Press that the New York Yankees third baseman confessed to steroids use, according to Drug Enforcement Administration documents provided by the government to defense lawyers.

The Miami Herald first reported Rodriguez's admission Wednesday, saying he met with DEA agents on Jan. 29 at the agency's South Florida field office. Given a grant of immunity from prosecution, Rodriguez told investigators he did use banned substances between late 2010 and October 2012 supplied by Anthony Bosch, who owned the Biogenesis of America clinic in Coral Gables.

Rodriguez has publicly denied any use of banned substances during his time with the Yankees, which began in 2004.

The three-time AL MVP acknowledged in 2009 that he performance-enhancing drugs while with Texas from 2001-03.



Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig suspended Rodriguez for 211 games in August 2013 for violations of the sport's drug agreement and labor contract, and the penalty was cut to the 2014 season in January by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz.

Rodriguez proclaimed his innocence and sued in federal court, then withdrew the suit and accepted the penalty.

The Herald reported Bosch told the DEA that A-Rod agreed to pay for steroids for 20 Biogenesis customers after the clinic closed to keep Bosch from talking about his involvement. That could prompt MLB to investigate whether Rodriguez could be suspended again under the sport's drug agreement for violations related to the sale and distribution of PEDs, which are separate from the prohibitions on personal use.

An attorney for Rodriguez did not immediately respond to a telephone call seeking comment. The Yankees declined comment.

The DEA report is among the evidence federal prosecutors have assembled against Rodriguez cousin Yuri Sucart, Collazo and others accused of supplying testosterone and human growth hormone to MLB players and other athletes linked to Biogenesis.

Quintero told AP he has a copy but cannot release it under federal evidence rules.

"I can for your report confirm that the report by the Herald is accurate as to what Rodriguez said," Quintero said in an email. "I don't have a dog in this fight. My client has no involvement with any major league players concerning the use of banned substances."

Neither the DEA nor the Miami U.S. Attorney's office commented. However, in a separate public court filing, prosecutors made clear Rodriguez would be a star witness if the case against Sucart and the others goes to trial. It is currently set to begin Feb. 9 in Miami federal court.

"Rodriguez has a prominent role in the government's proof of the ... conspiracies to distribute testosterone and human growth hormone," the prosecutors wrote.

In addition to A-Rod, Manny Ramirez, Ryan Braun, Melky Cabrera, Nelson Cruz, Francisco Cervelli, Yasmani Grandal, Cesar Puello and Jordany Valdespin have been granted immunity by the federal government, the Herald reported

In their filing, prosecutors said Rodriguez paid Sucart \$900,000 and provided him Yankees' Alex Rodriguez who held an impromptu press conference outside the clubhouse door before the Yankees Opening Day baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York. A lawyer for the University of Miami's former pitching coach says Alex Rodriquez admitted to federal investigators he used steroids.

In this April 1, 2013, file photo,

reporters surround New York

and his family with medical insurance, a vehicle and a house in return for Sucart's silence regarding Rodriguez's use of banned substances.

According to the Herald, the DEA report goes into great detail about how Rodriguez paid Bosch for testosterone cream and lozenges known as "gummies" and human growth hormone injections into the player's stomach. Bosch has pleaded guilty in the case and is cooperating in the prosecution of the other men.

"Rodriguez said Bosch told him the HGH would help with sleep, weight, hair growth, evesight and muscle recovery," the newspaper quoted the DEA report as saying. Bosch also gave Rodriguez tips on how to avoid detection in MLB drug tests.

Rodriguez told agents it was Sucart who introduced him in 2010 to Bosch, who falsely posed as a physician nicknamed "Dr. T." Rodriguez paid mainly in cash and Bosch promised secrecy, although he would eventually begin to cooperate with MLB and federal investigators.

In the DEA report, the Herald said Rodriguez admitted he also helped pay for Bosch's criminal defense, including \$25,000 as a down payment to retain one attorney.

In total, 14 MLB players were suspended last year following the sport's Biogenesis investigation. None have been charged with crimes.

Unheralded players making an impact for NFL teams



(AP)—Unheralded. Unsung. But certainly not unappreciated by

their teammates.

While the headlines belong to the likes of Peyton Manning, Tom Brady and Ben Roethlisberger, each NFL team has at least one player who isn't necessarily a household name—yet.

Far from an unknown, Indianapolis' T.Y. Hilton broke out last year with 82 receptions for 1,083 yards, taking over as Andrew Luck's favorite target after Reggie Wayne went down with an injury. Still, he wasn't generally mentioned before this season among the upper echelon of the league's wide receivers with guys such as Calvin Johnson, Julio Jones and Dez Bryant.

Maybe not for much longer. He's off to another terrific

start with 56 catches and 937 yards, which rank him second in the league.

"We've got that chemistry where he gives me a nod and I give him a nod," said Hilton, in his third season. "And we just both know."

Sometimes it takes an injury to another player on the depth chart to open up an opportunity. Cincinnati wide receiver Mohamed Sanu, San Diego runSt. Louis quarterback Austin Davis know all about that.

Sanu, a third-round draft pick in 2012, helped carry the Bengals' offense while star receiver A.J. Green was sidelined a few weeks this season. He enters Thursday night's game against the Browns leading the team with 39 catches for 628 yards and four touchdowns - and he has even thrown a touchdown pass.

"He has such strong hands that if anything is contested, he'll come down with it," quarterback Andy Dalton said. "It's nice having a guy like that."

The Chargers feel the same about Oliver, an undrafted rookie who played college ball at Buffalo. Fourth on the depth chart just over a month ago behind Ryan Mathews, Danny Woodhead and Donald Brown, the 5-foot-8 Oliver burst onto the scene when all three went down with injuries. He has Chargers fans comparing him to Darren Sproles.

"I let everybody know during the draft process that he was one of the best running backs that I ever played against, even though it was practice," said Raiders rookie linebacker Khalil Mack, a college teammate.

Davis also went undrafted in 2012 out of Southern Miss, but

NEW YORK ning back Branden Oliver and has become St. Louis' starting quarterback in his second stint with the Rams following a season-ending knee injury to Sam Bradford and backup Shaun Hill hurting his quadriceps. Davis has helped lead St. Louis (3-5) to wins over NFC West rivals Seattle and San Francisco in the last three weeks.

For Minnesota, running back Jerick McKinnon and Carolina defensive end Mario Addison have stepped in for established stars—the Vikings' Adrian Peterson and the Panthers' Greg Hardy—facing legal troubles.

While Peterson has been out on paid leave because of a felony child abuse charge, McKinnon has become the Vikings' No. 1 running back. Drafted in the third round last May, McKinnon has 446 yards on 90 carries—a 5.0 average.

"It's nice that people are taking notice and stuff like that," McKinnon said. "But I just think it's really a credit to how the offense has been working."

Addison, in his fourth season, already has a career high with four sacks and has seen his playing time increase with Hardy on the exempt-commissioner's permission list while facing a domestic violence trial that now has been delayed until after the season.

Messi ties Champions League scoring mark DAM (AP)—



equaled Raul Gonzalez's Champions League scoring record of 71 goals on Wednesday with his

Lionel Messi

a 2-0 victory over against Aiax. Messi notched his 70th and 71st goals in his 90th match in Europe's top club competition. Former Real Madrid and Schalke striker Raul took 142

second strike for Barcelona in

matches to reach his tally. Messi's record-equaling effort came a night after Cristiano Ronaldo, who has scored 70 Champions League goals, failed to find the net in Real Madrid's 1-0 victory over Liverpool.

Messi opened his and Barcelona's account in the 36th minute with a header and doubled his tally to make it 2-0 in the 76th minute after a one-two with substitute Pedro Rodriguez.

The victory sealed Barcelona's place in the last 16 from the previous night.

all-time scorer, needing only one goal to match Telmo Zarra's milestone of 251 goals that has gone untouched since 1955 when Barcelona visits Almeria on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Ronaldo said he still has many years of football to come as he picked up his third Golden Boot award on Wednesday for scoring the most goals in Europe's domestic leagues last season.

Ronaldo shared the award with Luis Suarez, who also scored 31 goals.

At a lavish ceremony in Madrid, Ronaldo said he was surprised so many people got up

early for the event after Real Madrid's 1-0 win over Liverpool in the Champions League

Madrid president Floren-Messi is also on the cusp of tino Perez highlighted the equaling the Spanish league's Portugal forward's energy and ambition to win as he presented the award.

"I promise to always give the fans the best on the field," Ronaldo said. "My passion, my goals, my assists, my matches. I still have many years left in Madrid."

Ronaldo said although his main aim was to be a good team player, he also acknowledged a liking for individual flair.

"A collective effort is important, but so is individual talent, and I work hard to achieve that," he said.

Suarez picked up his award at a ceremony in Barcelona on Oct. 15.

Jazz beat Cavs on Hayward's jumper at buzzer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Gordon Hayward prides himself on his self-control.

After hitting a stepback, game-winning jumper at the buzzer,

he couldn't help himself. He let out all his emotion in a celebratory frenzy.

"I've never really done that before," Hayward said. "It was just one of those moments."

Hayward one-upped LeBron James and gave the Utah Jazz a 102-100 victory over the struggling Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night with the dramatic shot.

Hayward, who had 21 points, broke free of James to catch an inbounds pass, faked a move to the basket and then stepped back on the right wing and swished a 21-foot jump shot as the horn sounded.

The forward was mobbed by his Jazz teammates in a scene reminiscent of a college tournament game.

"How can you not show emotion after a finish like that? For us to win the game after being in control the whole game and then see it slipping away, it was pretty special," Hayward said. "Just exhilaration!"

Derrick Favors had 21 points and 10 rebounds but the Jazz had to overcome a last-minute effort by James, who scored 31 points as Cleveland fell to 1-3.

With the Cavs down four points with 17 seconds remaining, James made a 3-pointer from the corner off a deflected pass while falling away out of bounds. He then made all three free throws after faking Favors into a foul on a 3-point attempt to tie the game at 100 with 3.4 seconds left.

Kyrie Irving had 34 points and Kevin Love added 14 for the Cavaliers, who lost for the second time in two nights.

Spurs 94, Hawks 92

In San Antonio, Tim Duncan had 17 points and 13 rebounds as San Antonio held on for its 17th straight win at home over Atlanta.

The Spurs had a season-high 25 assists for a balanced scoring effort that they needed to fend off the Hawks' furious rally in the final quarter. Tony Parker scored 17 points and Manu Ginobili added 12, including a pair of free throws with 3.8 seconds remaining.

After a closing double-team forced Jeff Teague to pass up an attempted 3-pointer, Pero Antic's shot from near half-court was blocked by Boris Diaw as time expired.

DeMarre Carroll, Paul Millsap and Al Horford had 17 points each for Atlanta.

The Spurs have never lost at home to the Hawks since drafting Duncan and have won 16 of 17 overall.



Utah Jazz's Gordon Hayward (20) shoots against Cleveland Cavaliers' Tristan Thompson (13) in the closing seconds of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014, in Salt Lake City. Utah won, 102-100.

Bulls 95, Bucks 86

In Milwaukee, Derrick Rose returned from his latest injury and helped Chicago to another victory at Milwaukee.

Taj Gibson scored 23 points, Pau Gasol added 22 and Rose had 13 points and seven assists in 32 minutes for the Bulls, who have beaten the Bucks nine straight times in Milwaukee.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 13 points and eight rebounds for the Bucks.

With Chicago leading by one, Gasol hit a jumper and Butler made an acrobatic layup. That started a clinching 9-2 run that was capped by Kirk Hinrich's 3-pointer with 2:16 remaining.

Rose, who missed most of the past two seasons because of serious knee injuries, sat out the Bulls' previous two games with sprains in both ankles.

Grizzlies 102, Suns 91

In Phoenix, Mike Conley had 24 points and 11 assists as Memphis used a strong defensive effort in the third quarter to beat Phoenix and remain unbeaten.

The Grizzlies, who won all four meetings last season, forced 10 turnovers in the third and turned an 11-point deficit in the second period into a five-point lead going into the fourth. Conley and fellow guard Courtney Lee, both coming off injuries, combined to score 17 of Memphis' 30 third-quarter points.

Lee, who missed the past two games with a concussion, scored 22 points with 4-of-5 shooting on 3-pointers. Memphis (5-0) is off to the best start in franchise history.

Eric Bledsoe made his first eight shots for Phoenix and finished with a season-high 23 points.

Pistons 98, Knicks 95

In Auburn Hills, Greg Monroe had 23 points and 18 rebounds as Detroit held off New York for its first win of the season.

The Pistons (1-3) went 1 for 17 on 3-pointers in Sunday's loss to Brooklyn, but Kentavious Caldwell-Pope hit their first three attempts against New York, and they ended up with a season-high 11.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 20 points for the Knicks, who lost at home to Washington on Tuesday night. They were facing a rested Detroit team that had two days off before the game.

Carmelo Anthony had only 13 points on 5-of-21 shooting for New York. He missed his first nine shots and didn't score until the final minutes of the second quarter.

Raptors 110, Celtics 107

In Boston, Kyle Lowry scored 35 points and had a key steal in the closing minute to lead Toronto over Boston.

DeMar DeRozan had 23 points and Patrick Patterson added 14 for the Raptors.

Rajon Rondo led Boston with a triple-double of 13 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds. Jeff Green had 20 points for the Celtics, who have lost three straight after a season-opening win over Brooklyn.

With the score tied at 105, Lowry stripped rookie Marcus Smart and fed DeRozan for a fast-break layup with 33 seconds left. He was fouled on the play and hit the free throw.

Rondo's two free throws sliced it to one, but Lowry nailed a fadaway jumper from the left wing with 8 seconds to play. Green back-rimmed a long 3 and Boston's Jared Sullinger grabbed the rebound, but time ran out.

Hornets 96, Heat 89

In Charlotte, Al Jefferson scored a season-high 28 points and added 10 rebounds as Charlotte ended a 16-game, regular-season losing streak against Miami.

Charlotte was winless against the Heat in the LeBron James era, including getting swept in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs by Miami last season.

Kemba Walker had 16 points and seven assists, and Cody Zeller turned in another solid game off the bench with 13 points and eight rebounds for the Hornets (2-3), who won for the first time since the season opener.

Chris Bosh had 23 points and 13 rebounds for Miami (3-2). It was Bosh's fifth straight 20-point game to open the season.

Timberwolves 98, Nets 91

In New York, Nikola Pekovic converted a tiebreaking three-point play with 48 seconds left as Minnesota scored the final

nine points of the game to beat Brooklyn.

Kevin Martin led the Timberwolves with 26 points and rookie Andrew Wiggins, playing in the arena where he was taken by Cleveland with the No. 1 pick in the draft, added 17.

Joe Johnson had 22 points for the Nets (2-2), who had won their last two games. Deron Williams added 19.

Wizards 96, Pacers 94, OT

In Washington, John Wall had seven of his 31 points in overtime as Washington won its fourth straight game and gained a tiny measure of revenge from last season's playoffs by beating resilient but even-more-depleted Indiana.

The Wizards blew a 12-point, second-half lead and survived Roy Hibbert's 3-point attempt in the closing seconds to move three games above .500, a mark they didn't reach until March 1 last season. A strong finish eventually led to a second-round postseason meeting with the Pacers, who won in six games to advance to the Eastern Conference finals.

But that was a different Indiana team. This one is missing Paul George, George Hill, C.J. Watson, David West and now Rodney Stuckey due to injury and has lost four straight.

Donald Sloan led Wednesday's effort with 31 points—nearly double his previous career high.

Magic 91, 76ers 89

In Philadelphia, Tobias Harris

made a jump shot at the buzzer to give Orlando its first win of the season.

Nik Vucevic scored 17 points and Channing Frye had 13 points and 11 rebounds for Orlando. Harris had 18 points and eight rebounds to help the Magic snap a season-opening, four-game losing streak.

It helped they played the Sixers. The Sixers are 0-5 for the first time since the 2001-02 season. Tony Wroten scored 27 points and Brandon Davies had 20 to give the Sixers two 20-point scorers in a game for the first time this season.

Warriors 121, Clippers 104

In Oakland, Stephen Curry had 28 points and seven assists, and Draymond Green scored a career-high 24 as Golden State remained unbeaten with its most impressive performance yet, routing the Los Angeles Clippers.

Green added eight rebounds and five assists as the Warriors (4-0) showed off the swagger of a confident and complete contender. They built a 25-point lead in the second quarter and held off the Clippers the rest of the way, getting a small slice of revenge after losing a heated first-round playoff series to Los Angeles last season.

Houston and Memphis are the only other undefeated teams left.

Jamal Crawford scored 24 points, and DeAndre Jordan had 17 points and 13 rebounds for a Clippers team that is off to a shaky start. Los Angeles (3-2) opened with a string of close games before getting whipped by the Warriors.

Golden State extended its best start in 20 years under new coach Steve Kerr. The last time the Warriors began 4-0 was the 1994-95 season, when they won their first five.

Kings 131, Nuggets 109

In Sacramento, DeMarcus Cousins had 30 points and 11 rebounds, and Rudy Gay scored 29 as Sacramento beat Denver to extend its best start in more than a decade.

Darren Collison added 10 points and eight assists, and Carl Landry had 18 points off the bench to help Sacramento to its second win over Denver in three days and fourth straight overall following a season-opening loss to Golden State.

The Kings improved to 4-1 for the first time since 2001-02, when they won the Pacific Division and grabbed the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference playoffs. They haven't been back to the postseason since 2007.

Ty Lawson had 13 points and nine assists for Denver (1-3).

Sacramento scored 40 points in the first quarter, led by as many as 36 and had six players in double figures.

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return off Izuka's shot to hand SIS the victory.

In the second set, SIS raced to an 8-2 lead, but GCA kept its hopes alive moving within four, 10-14, after winning the several exchanges. Saiki sued for time to talk to her players and they responded with a string of six points. An SIS error gave GCA a point, however Park scored two aces and Hudkins had a drop to move the Geckos within two points of wrapping up the match. An Izuka ace handed SIS the match point after GCA managed to score two more and the game ended with the Eagles hitting a wide return with the ball going past the sideline.

The SIS win was an upset as it beat the top-ranked GCA. The Eagles ruled the elimination round with its 12-2 record, followed by Whispering Palms (11-2), Mt. Carmel (10-4), and SIS (9-5).

In the second semis game, the Knights dethroned Whispering Palms. Scores were unavailable at press time, but according to Mt. Carmel coach Tomoko Shi-Palms in two sets. Whispering Palms won last year's finals against SIS, 25-23, 25-22, for back-to-back championships as the former also prevailed in the 2012-2013 season versus Saipan Community School.

thoughts on the upcoming fight between Pacquiao and Chris Algieri on November 23. mizu, they also beat Whispering has to box and move, not stand in front of Pacquiao or else he

will be punished. "We all know that movement frustrates Manny Pacquiao. If

quiao twice, former world wel-

terweight champion Timothy

Bradley knows all too well what

the Filipino phenom is capable

Speaking to onthropesbox-

Bradley added that Algieri

ing.com, Bradley shared his

of inside the ring.

Having fought Manny Pac- he stands there, he's gonna get obliterated," says Bradley.

Bradley: Algieri needs movement to frustrate Pacquiao

"If he moves on Manny Pacquiao and makes Pacquiao pick up his feet and chase him around, then he has a better chance of winning the fight."

Algieri is coming into the fight as a huge underdog. But according to Bradley, that has more to do with Algieri's lack of name recognition, not of skill.

"They're not giving him a chance because they don't know who Chris Algieri is. He had the great match against Provodnikov and then he had

Emanuel Taylor and he looked good there," said Bradley.

"The fans don't really know too much about Algieri and he doesn't have that big name or that hype, so they're not giving him a chance."

Meanwhile, former world light welterweight champion Amir Khan is tabbing Pacquiao to dispose of Algieri when they meet later this month.

Khan, 27, used to train under the tutelage of Pacquiao trainer Freddie Roach, even serving as a sparring partner for the

another good match against Filipino fight icon until he left the Wild Card gym a couple of vears ago

"Pacquiao will be the winner. I think he's a better boxer," Khan told fighthype.com.

"I mean, he's a stronger boxer, he punches harder, he has a little bit more quicker movements, he's more explosive. I think that will win him the fight,"

Khan is slated to face Devon Alexander next month and hopes to fight Floyd Mayweather or Manny Pacquiao in his next fight.



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around youth athletes on Saipan. He plays beach and indoor vollevball and is also a member of the MP United Football Club.

Johnson is the team captain of the SIS Geckos, who currently lead the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Volleyball League with a perfect 11-0 record. He is one of the star players for SIS and is now helping the Geckos in their practices, acting as an assistant coach every game.

Ong, meanwhile, has played a major role in Fiesta Resort & Spa's title wins in the Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League and the Inter-Hotel Basketball League. He also plays

for DYS in the BANMI Youth

Calvert was the lone nominee for the Female Athlete of the Month ans the SIS middle school student showed that she's one of the rising volleyball stars on Saipan. Her play drastically improved through sheer determination, hard work, and practice, according to the nomination letter from Northern Marians Is-

Last year, Calvert's serve could not get past the net, but now she has developed a powerful serve and became a reliable defender, NMIVA added.

promote equality in sports.

League's Under-18 division.

lands Volleyball Association.

Meanwhile, NMSA president Mike White wished that member federations would nominate more female athletes to further

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winner-over-the-other rule as it outlasted Joeten in their lone game in the elimination round last month, 83-80.

The semis-clinching victory came early for PSS, as it had the game in the bag right at the end of the first half, enjoying a 68-28 halftime advantage. Top Development faced a manageable deficit after the first canto, 14-27, but PSS exploded for 41 points in the second quarter, more than doubling the former's combined output in the first half to put the game away.

Joe Villacrusis led PSS' second-quarter assault, scoring 11 points, while his four other teammates contributed at least three baskets apiece to end Top Development's hopes of making it to the win column.

Villacrusis top-scored for PSS with his 23 points, while Meverick Itibus added 17, and Jerry Diaz and Walter Mendez added 15 and 12, respectively. Raymond Velasco led TDI with his 36 markers.

In the second game, Shirley's won a shootout against Docomo Pacific as both teams reached the century mark in the run-and-gun match.

Though Docomo managed to score 100 points, majority of its baskets came in the fourth when Shirley's had the game in control, leading at 91-74. Teams just traded shots in the final

canto with Tony Diaz firing for Docomo and Matt Duenas and Erick Dela Rosa hitting their targets for Shirley's.

Duenas paced Shirley's with his 30 points, while Dela Rosa chipped in 25. Diaz led the five-man Docomo crew with his 38 points.

Meanwhile, the playoff round starts today with the third-ranked Joeten taking on No. 6 finisher Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and No. 4 MBI/ Anchor and No. 5 McDonald's colliding in the other win-or-gohome game. The winner of the Joeten-CUC tiff will challenge Shirley's for the first finals berth on Monday, while the victor of the MBI/Anchor-McDonald's match will face PSS for the last championship tivcket.

First Game

PSS 111 – Villacrusis 23, Itibus 17, Diaz 15, Mendez 12, Coldeen 8, Cabrera 8, Loste 7, Villagomez 4, Santos 4, Manibusan 2.

TDI 66 – Velasco 36, Arreza 16, Lorenzo 9, Pollisco 5.

Scoring by quarters: 27-14, 68-28, 92-46, 111-66.

Second Game

Shirley's 113 – Duenas 30, Dela Rosa 24, Manibusan 19, Pamintuan 16, Rabasto 11, Jugos 9, Aguilar 5.

Docomo 100 – Diaz 38, Sanciangco 21, Sablan 18, White 16, Napo 6.

Scoring by quarters: 31-24, 69-53, 91-74, 113-100.



Spearfishing tournament this Saturday



CHC

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The 7th Annual Marianas Apnea Spearfishing Club Tournament will be held this

The event, which will start at 6am and end at 3pm, is a threeman competition, while fishing ground will be in the waters off

Saipan, except the sanctuaries.

34 points per game. It absorbed

a 61-28 thrashing by Customs

on Sept. 29, received an 88-

44 hammering from the Feds,

and suffered a 74-49 drubbing

against Department of Commu-

The inclusion of brothers Bri-

an and Omar Ajoste, and Jason

Bahillo on CHC's roster changed

the team's fortunes as it now has

CHC, since the three

played midway last month,

lost 2 more matches—a 75-

65 trouncing from Northern

Marianas Sports Association

and 76-73 double overtime

setback to Commonwealth

Utilities Corp—before finally

Bahillo had an all-around

game of 14 points, 2 assists, 8

rebounds, 1 steal, and 2 blocks,

while Rajo powered his way underneath to finish with 13 mark-

ers and 14 boards. Flores con-

tributed 10 points, 5 rebounds,

and 3 steals, while Brian Ajoste

tallied 10 markers and 6 assists.

nailing its breakthrough win.

nity and Cultural Affairs.

legitimate scoring threats.

Saturday at the Smiling Cove

Registration is \$40 per diver and participants can register early today from 4pm to 7:30pm at Smiling Cove Marina. The event briefing will also take place today at the same time.

Participants will receive MASC t-shirts upon registration, while cash prizes, trophies, and top of the line spearfishing gears will be

Omar Ajoste also had 10 points.

points, while Sablan had 11

and Edwin Camacho added 10.

Maverick Saures only scored 6,

but grabbed 12 rebounds to lead

his team's 37-30 advantage in

tory after routing CUC, 61-46

lead and patiently pulled away

in the second to enter the break

with a 31-18 spread. It was nev-

er threatened after that to coast

NMSA led in almost all de-

partments: 46-35 in rebounds.

11-7 in assists, and 14-9 in

Teresa Sablan paced NMSA

with 19 points, built around

five 3-pointers and also had 4

steals, while Elias Rangamar

only made 6 markers, but had

9 rebounds and 3 assists. Orrin

Pharmin also had 9 points and

added 5 rebounds, 2 assists, and

Tony Diaz was the lone CUC

player to finish in double digits

with 16 points, while John San-

4 steals.

to the 15-point win.

NMSA built an early 13-6

that department.

Iginoef led DPS with 12

given away after the competition. There is also a side bet for heaviest rudder fish.

For more information, contact MASC president Felix T. Sasamoto, Jr. at 989-4607, vice president Jun Yamagishi at 483-7633, treasurer Norman Camacho at 285-6676 or secretary Suzette Sasamoto at 989-1401. **(PR)**

tos had 8 markers, 5 rebounds, **ECALNEA** and 4 assists. Robert Lieto col-From Page 31 lected a game-high 10 caroms to

ing after his girlfriend broke up with him "because he was too skinny.'

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"That's why when I went to college I started working out but I was doing it wrong since some say that you also need to eat a lot in order for you to get bigger. I gained NMSA 61 - Sablan 19, so much weight that when I slimmed down, I got stretch marks. When I came back on Saipan, I got more serious and with a little research and help from my friends, I slowly learn the proper way."

> He added that working out has slowly become his life and passion. "I always look forward to working out. I want to give everything I got and I want to show to a lot of people that with hard work you can achieve a lot of things."

> Ecalnea said there's a lot to bodybuilding than just lifting weights. "It is all about research and finding other ways to improve and get bigger."

In the first game, NMSA 6:30pm opener between Cusromped to its fourth straight victoms and DCCA.

First Game Camachoo 9, Pharmin 9, Jones 8, Tudela 8, Rangamar 6, Ba-

Meanwhile, NMSA shoots

for its fifth straight win on Mon-

day when it faces Feds in the

8pm second game right after the

CUC 46 – Diaz 16, Santos 8, Benavente 7, Lieto 6, Mizutani 3, Camacho 2, Nunez 2, Poquiz

Scoring by quarters: 13-6, 31-18, 42-33, 61-46.

Second Game

CHC 62 – Bahillo 14, Rajo 13, Flores 12, B. Ajoste 10, O.

DPS 57 – Iginoef 12, Sablan 11, Camacho 10, J. Saures 7, Manglona 6, M. Saures 6, San-

Scoring by quarters: 11-9, 26-26, 47-30, 62-57.

go with his 6 points.

bauta 2, Caro 2.

Ajoste 10, Tudela 3.

MP United exceeds expectations in PH Cup



MP United Football Club exceeded expectations in last month's 2014 Pili-

pinas Cup after advancing into the playoffs of both the U14 and U17 divisions of the annual competition.

Coach Norman Del Rosario said both age groups were loaded with high-caliber teams from around the Philippines and every game was tightly fought as only the top team in each group was guaranteed a slot to the playoffs.

"By winning a game, our boys already met expectations. Then both teams topped their respective age groups and then for the best part, our U17 made it to the finals," the MP United mentor said.

The club's U14 team competed in the Pilipinas Cup for the first time and won its first two games against Palarong Pambansa (PH National Games) contender FC Higala and Lovola Meralco Sparks.

"The match against Meralco was crucial as that team was considered as one of the favorites. We had the first goal from Joshua (Abragan) from a nice cross, but the Sparks equalized right away," Del Rosario said.

"During the halftime break,



MP United U14 and U17 players pose with the trophies they won in the 2014 Pilipinas Cup.

I reiterated to the boys that we will have a hard time penetrating inside because Meralco had strong and way taller back four. Our strikers are mostly 11-year olds, like Rintaro, Rinto, Jon, Danielle so it's going to be hard. I told the boys to stick with our game plan and that's to shoot from outside the box or if there will be a free kick then we take the risk of shooting than to play it. It worked as Sun Joon (Tenorio) had a clear floater outside the box," he added.

After a 2-0 start, MP United U14 secured draws versus FC Forza Academy and FC Nasugbu to top Group A and marched into the semifinals. The team eventually fell to Don Bosco College Canlubang in the semis and to Green Barons FC in the battle for third place.

As for the club's U17 crew, it stunned its competitors in Group C and had the opportunity to challenge the tough Far Easter University Diliman in the

Initially, Del Rosario downplayed the U17 squad's chances in the competition, as some key players failed to join the team in the Philippines either due to school commitment or age requirement. Last year, the club fielded a team in the U18 divi-

ineligible for a return trip to the Pilipinas Cup when age group was changed to 17. Del Rosario was worried that while their opponents may have an intact lineup, theirs maybe depleted a bit.

However, the younger crew got the job done, sweeping all four games in the elimination, including against the then unbeaten University of Batangas, to make it to the semis. MP United U17 was not done yet with University of Batangas as they met anew in the Final Four and the former won again to set a finals date with FEU Diliman, which eventually ended the club's winning run to rule the division.

The loss, according to Del Rosario was a wakeup call to MP United players and the entire tournament gave the team valuable lessons.

"Players should always think that there is someone better than them so they have to work harder every practice and exert effort to do some extra training on their own time. This trip helped the team have a stronger bond because football is a sport with

sion and several players were 11 men inside the field playing in sync and not individually. It also helped our team become mentally ready for whatever battles that may come our way," Del Rosario said.

Besides the they impressive showing in the tournament, Del Rosario also took note of the players' attitude on and off the pitch.

"We were not only there to win games, but to be good representatives of Saipan as well. After the tournament, I got a message from a parent, saying our MPU players have good upbringing and behaved well," the MP United mentor said.

Meanwhile, the club would like to thank the following for making their Pilipinas Cup campaign a success: MP United players, parents, staff and officers; sponsors IT&E, IP&E, I Love Saipan 3HighRes Design, and Dr. Park of Brothers Acupuncturel; Julian Roxas and Marco and Luis Borja of MPU's sister club Manila Soccer Academy/Agila FC; and Carlo Rodriguez, Jeoff Lobaton, Troy Borja, and Richard Leyble.

Ecalnea aims to turn pr

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Tristan Ecalnea hopes to become a professional someday and put the CNMI on the bodybuilding map.

Ecalnea was supposed to join last month's 2014 Mich-

elob Ultra Bodybuilding & Body Fitness Championship and International Invitational in Guam but decided to leave Saipan to join his family in the mainland and continue training. He said he will bulk up and at the same time compete in various bodybuilding

tournaments there. "I want to push myself more. I want to compete, be the best that I can be and ac-

complish other things," said Ecalnea in an interview after his daily workout at Gold's Gym. "I just started joining in local competitions but someday I want to compete internationally. My main goal and dream is to become professional bodybuilder

> Ecalnea, who topped the light middleweight division and placed second overall to Aaron Tomokane in the 2014 Dee Clayton Clayton Classic in September, said that most Americans he talked to in the mainland don't know where Saipan or the CNMI is.

and represent the CNMI."

"Most people in the mainland don't know where Saipan is. I want to let them know where it is in the Pacific and one way of doing it is to join competitions and represent the CNMI."

The Saipan Southern High School graduate also revealed he got into bodybuild-

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Tristan Ecalnea poses for the judges during the 2014 Mariana Islands Bodybuilding Dee Clayton Classic held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe in September.

CHC snaps skid, hands DPS 4th straight loss

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Commonwealth Health Center survived a near end-game melt-

down and ran away with a 62-57 decision against Department of Public Safety to snap its losing skid in the 2014 IT&E-DYS Inter-Government Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

While CHC got its first win in six matches, DPS dropped

opening the league with a 58-44 humbling of Judiciary, which withdrew its team early last month, on Oct. 1.

CHC seemed headed for an easy win when Adrian Flores' twinner gave them a 10-point spread, 59-49, with two minutes left in the game. However, CHC went scoreless after that, while DPS scored eight straight points to threaten at 57-59, with 25 seconds to go. Romeo Iginoef scored back-to-back baskets, while Paul Manglona and Chris Sablan made consecutive

CHC scored its first point in the 17-second mark of the fourth, a split free throw by Anthony Rajo, for a 60-57 count, giving DPS a slim chance of sending the game into overtime with a 3-pointer. However, DPS failed to connect from the outside as its gunners missed their 3-point tries, while two more split free throws from Rajo and Omar Ajoste sealed the win for

CHC, in its first three defeats, had an average losing margin of

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Adrian Flores, right, seen trying to get past a Feds player, tallied 12 points in Commonwealth Health Center's 62-57 decision over Department of Public Safety during the second game in the 2014 IT&E-DYS Inter-Government Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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SIS vs tht. Carmel in v'ball finals



Sweep for Shirley's, semis for PSS



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Shirley's Coffee Shop earned a sweep, while Public School System bagged a semis seat after prevailing in the final two regular season games in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gillette

Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Shirley's downed the Docomo Pacific in the second game, 113-100, to finish the elimination round with a perfect 8-0 record and get the top seeding and the first automatic semis berth in the nine-team league. PSS took the second outright semis slot after whipping Top Development, Inc. in the first match, 111-66.

PSS wrapped up the regular season with a 6-2 record, the same mark Joeten registered. However, PSS won the tie due to the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Shirley's Coffee Shop's Ernest Duenas, seen here pulling up for a jumper against a Top Development, Inc. defender, scored 30 points in their 113-110 win over Docomo Pacific in the JP World caging last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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t will be Saipan International School versus Mt. Carmel School for the middle school division finals of the 2014-2015 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League.

earned a return trip to the finals after beating Grace Christian Academy in the first semis game vesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, while the MCS Knights prevailed in the second Final Four match against Whispering Palms.

Geckos

The SIS

SIS swept GCA in the first semis tiff, 25-14, 25-13, with the Geckos leaning on its solid starters to advance to the finals, which will be played today at 3:30pm. Geckos coach Mili

Saiki stuck with Clayton Izuka, Alex Park, A.J. Hudkins, Anna Calvert, Grace Choi, and Malika Miyawaki all throughout

the two sets and they delivered, hitting their serves consistently and stepping on the right place at the right time to hit back against GCA.

The Eagles, on the other hand, made several substitutions as they could not find the right combination on the floor and committed numerous errors in the second set.

In the first set, GCA was very much in the game and even took a 10-7 lead. However, SIS dominated the second half of the opening set with Izuka and Hudkins going for a couple of spikes and Miyawaki and Calvert alternating in setting up their teammates. Park and Choi were also on top of the play, diving for those low balls and running at the back to chase GCA's long returns.

While SIS was busy communicating on the floor and hustling for the ball in the closing stage of the first set, GCA was a bit disorganized, forcing the team to commit numerous miscues. A wide serve moved the Eagles within a point of losing the opening set and after a long rally, they committed another booboo when a GCA player from the backline made a short

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Galang leads NMSA October awardees

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Gerald Galang was named the Northern Mari-Sports anas Association

Male Athlete of the Month (October) to lead three other awardees.

Andrew Johnson and Djay Ong, named co-Male Student Athletes of the Month, and Anna Calvert (as top female student athlete) joined Galang on the winner's list.

Galang, one of the rising standouts of the revived Commonwealth Bodybuilding Federation, placed fourth in last month's 2014 Michelob Ultra Bodybuilding & Body Fitness Championship and International Invitational at the Leo Palace Resort in Yona, Guam.

The 22-year-old joined his first international competition and finished behind two Japanese and one Guam bet. He managed to beat several other participants from Australia and Guam.

Galang is currently a freshman at the Northern Marianas College, studying computer applications. He also works as an instructor and custom-

Gerald Galang is the Northern Marianas Sports Association's October Male Athlete of the er service representative at Gold's Gym. Last September, Galang, who had two years of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan but is now in the reserve forces, placed second to Vince Aldan in the Open and overall physique categories in the 2014 Dee Clayton Classic.

Galang defeated former

CNMI men's basketball team member Jericho Cruz, who is now playing in professionally in the Philippine Basketball Association, for the Male Athlete of the Month award.

Johnson, now a senior at Saipan International School, is considered among the top all-

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